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THE NINTH'S BLACK TROOPS

THEY ARE AMONG THE HARDIEST SOLDIERS IN THE SERVICE.

The Oldest Colored Regiment in the Army—Its Hard Fighting with Indians and Western Outlaws—It Is a Brave Regiment.

[Ft. Robinson (Neb.) Special St. Louis Globe Democrat.]

The Ninth Cavalry is going South. A peculiar feature of the composition of the Ninth Cavalry is that it was originally recruited of ex-slaves of almost pure African extraction, and today retains its traditional color, nearly every member being black as ebony. This characteristic does not obtain in the other Negro forces in the service recruited at the same time. Many mulatoes are among the other Negro soldiers of Uncle Sam. Another feature which gives the Ninth peculiar distinction is that it was the first of the colored troops enlisted at the time to receive the baptism of fire. It had been generally predicted that the Negro would not stand in battle. The courageous conduct of the Ninth dispelled this idea and gave the colored soldier standing and rank in the military history.

A veteran army officer at the headquarters remarked a few days since, as he noticed the preparations among Gen. Coppinger's staff to get the Ninth ready for action: "It is wonderful how public opinion has changed concerning the fighting qualities of these black boys. When the black man was enlisting at New Orleans under the act of Congress of 1866, having just begun to taste the sweets of freedom, they were jeered at, and it was predicted that they would run at the first fire. The Ninth was one of the organizations then enlisted. Today that same regiment is the terror of wild Indians, and wilder bandits who have come in contact with the 'fighting Ninth' during its career on the Western plains.

DESPERATE WORK.

"The regiment has done more desperate work in its time than any other in the service. Western people appreciate this if the Easteners do not. The Ninth is no parade command. It was never given anything but a fighting assignment. It was never assigned even for a season at any of the desirable Eastern posts. This was not because they are Negroes, but because they are first-class fighting men and the War Department wants to keep their hands in.

"I remember well when the Negro troops were mustered in. The recruiting quarters were opened at New Orleans in the fall of 1866. We enlisted over 2,000 Negroes. They came from Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and Kentucky—great big fellows, black as ebony and as fine specimens of physical manhood as ever donned uniform. Two cavalry regiments, the Ninth and Tenth, and two infantry regiments, the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth, were formed of them. The people were doubtful of the experiment. The Ninth was at once sent to open up communication in Texas. Since the opening of the war the trail between Ft. Sam Houston and ElPaso had been closed by Indians and outlaws. Between these posts thousands of the fiercest and best fighting Indians in the country roamed.

"The trail was dotted by small posts, mere barracks, which had been deserted for six years. Six months after the Ninth enlisted it received its first shock of battle. It was in the spring of 1867 at Ft. Lancaster, a small post on the Texas plains. The thousands of Indians who surrounded the fort made much sport of the black troops. The day they met them in battle their opinion changed. The Negroes fought like demons. They obeyed their white officers perfectly, and were more ready to fight than to eat. An account of their conflict reached civilization several months later and was a revelation to those who had ridiculed the Negro as a soldier. From that day it has been one long fight with the Ninth. Their deeds of daring would fill volumes, and, though their ranks have almost wholly changed since the first enlistment, the command has always been made up of fighters.

"The Ninth remained on the Mexican border until 1875, enduring the horrors of Indian wars almost constantly. Then they moved into New Mexico, with headquarters at Santa Fe. There they continued to see hot service until 1881, when they went further north, with headquarters at Ft. Riley, Kas. Col. Edward Hatch was the original commander of the Ninth. He never faltered in his opinion of his black soldiers, and was with them in all their hottest work. Why, those Ninth cavalrymen would have followed Hatch to the devil, and though he had been in his grave these ten years, the memory of the gallant fellow continues to stimulate the dusky troopers he led against odds of ten to one among the red men of the Southern plains.

A HUNDRED MILES A DAY.

"From Riley the Ninth continued north, being transferred to Ft. McKinney, Wyo., in 1885. The 1,400 miles the Ninth made overland, just to show what they could do. And it was wonderful what time these men could make. No wonder they were a terror to the Indians, for they were here one day and 100 miles away the next, fighting like devils. The Government always kept these troopers in action, and as the Indians moved further into the heart of the Rockies of the north, so were the troopers removed into more isolated districts. They have remained in the North since 1885, being transferred, however, to Ft. Robinson as headquarters in the meantime.

"I recall a hundred desperate engagements of this troop, showing their wonderful coolness and daring qualities. Their latest work in the Sioux campaign of 1890-91 marked the Ninth as a fighting command of wonderful energy. They were in the Bad Lands hunting Indians, 114 miles from Pine Ridge, on December 30, 1890. That was the day of the battle of Wounded Knee, where Custer's old command, the Seventh, wiped out old Two Strikes's band of Sioux. Incidentally, it may be mentioned that the Seventh lost nearly two score of men there, so it was hot work on both sides.

That day the Ninth was instructed to get back to the agency as quick as possible. Guy V. Henry was then major of the Ninth. He is now Colonel of the Tenth, and Perry is Colonel of the Ninth. The Ninth rode to the agency 100 miles away, in twenty-five hours; then without getting out of their saddles rushed off fourteen miles to the rescue of the Seventh Cavalry, which was threatened with total extinction at the battle of the mission. If the fighting Ninth had been an hour later Custer's old command would have suffered the same fate as their chief and his men did on the Little Big Horn. The Ninth faced the Indians after all that terrible ride without slacking speed. The Indians recognized the regiment as it came over the hill north of the mission buildings and refused to stand their terrible charge, but scampered off in a hurry.

A REVELATION TO THE WORLD.

This is the mettle of the regiment ordered to duty on the Florida coast. The popular idea that the Ninth goes South because the torrid regions are the natural element of the Negro is a great mistake. The regiment has fought as well in the North as in the South. The members have stood the cold better than the white troopers, and so have they stood the heat. Veterans who have observed the colored troops think the Negro can stand any extreme climate better than the white man.

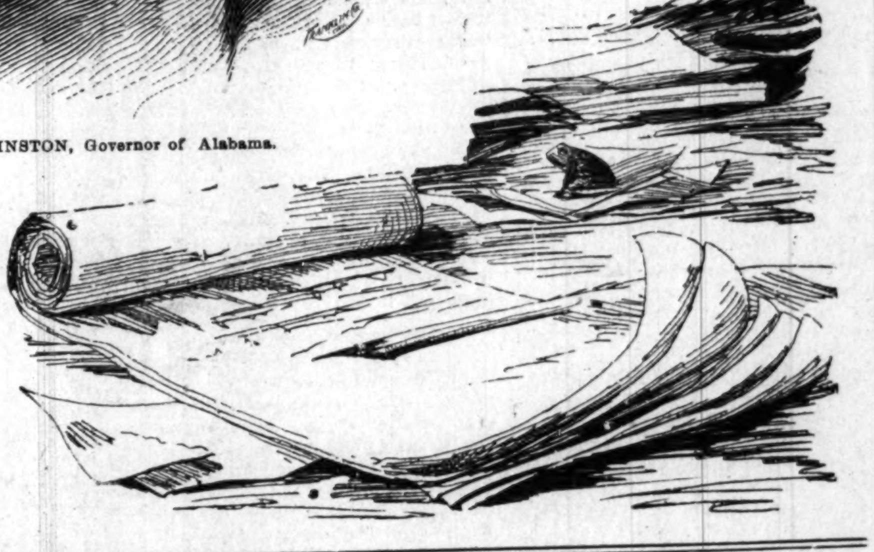
"The Ninth ought to be a revelation to the world if they are called into action, for, of course, few people outside of the West know what fighting these colored troops have done against the Indians. They ride like centaurs, and can shoot a revolver with each hand, holding their bridle reins in their teeth while their horses are running. Their warfare with the Indians adapts them to fighting modern guns particularly, for it is conceded that there can not be such a thing as a charge of cavalry en masse since the rapid-fire machine guns are used.

The "scatter fighting" the Ninth is used to in the West will be the very thing for this new service. This troop can scatter over a mile, charge like a whirlwind and face anything. Their revolvers can be fired almost as rapidly as a machine gun. When they go into action they resort to all the tactics taught them in Indian fighting to conceal their bodies, and Spanish soldiery will be given a lesson in rough and tumble fighting if they ever meet the Ninth.

One of the most notable achievements of the Ninth Cavalry, and in fact one of the most extraordinary incidents in the history of the operations in the Indian country, was the dash of Troop D of the Ninth on October 3, 1879, at Milk River, when they went to the rescue of Thornburg's command, which was hemmed in by hostile White River Utes. Troop D was sent through the lines of the Indians with a hurrah. Every horse in the troop was killed, not one getting inside the breastworks. Yet, remarkable to relate, not one member of the detachment was killed. Many members of the Ninth carry merit medals for deeds of daring and bravery in action.

The only history of the command is that in the "United States Army," authorized by Congress in 1896. It is a brief but exceedingly well written sketch by Lieut. Grote Hutchinson, of the Ninth Cavalry. He is a West Pointer, who joined the Ninth at Ft. Sill in 1884, and is at present adjutant of that command, and on the personal staff of General Coppinger, of the Department of the Platte.

HON. JOS. T. JOHNSTON, Governor of Alabama.



EXCITEMENT RUNS HIGH

ON THE PACIFIC COAST IN ANTICIPATION OF WAR.

The Duty of the Negro—Church Notes—Personal and Items of General Interest Gathered by Our Hustling Correspondent.

Los Angeles, Cal., Special:—War, War, War! Excitement is running high out here—caused by "authentic" reports, and the Yellow Journalism" which keep the community in constant expectations of the last ultimatum." This being a coast city we are naturally concerned about our harbor defense, which is very poor at this time. As in other cities the Negro is discussing his attitude toward the government in case of war—shall he go to war and fight for his country's flag? Yes, Yes, for every reason of true patriotism. It is a blessing in disguise for the Negro. He will if for no other reason, be possessed of arms, which in the South, in face of threatened mob violence he is not allowed to have. He will become trained and disciplined. He will be generously remunerated. for his services. He will get much honor. He will have an opportunity of proving to the world his real bravery, worth and manhood. * * The Tabernacle Baptist church observed its 4th anniversary Sunday the 3rd ult., and also succeeded in lifting a mite of $300. Special services were held during the day—the morning being devoted to the Sunday-school Union services, at which the various schools assisted. In the afternoon a most interesting program was rendered, the ministers of the different churches taking part—interposed with singing by the Glee Club—a local organization composed of members from the several choirs of the churches, under the direction of Prof. W. M. Bynum, and formed for the purpose of assisting rallies, concerts, etc. It was their first appearance before the public. They merited the most flattering compliments. The evening services were devoted to the history of the organization, through well gotten up papers delineating all the events of hardship and progress of the church. Rev. J. E. Ford, the pastor, is to be congratulated on the progress he has made. * * The California Lodge No. 1 K. of P. and Golden Leaf Court No. 1, Court of Calanthe held memorial services in memory of the late Grand Supreme Chancellor Wm. S. Mower, at St. Stevens A. M. E. church. The services were conducted according to the rites of the order. The members attending in a body uniformed. The church was crowded to overflowing to witness the memorial exercises. Rev. E. T. Cottman preached memorial sermon. Resolutions of condolence were passed. * * The funeral services of Charles Odem took place Thursday morning from the A. M. E. church. * * Among our business enterprises might be mentioned the Eastern Star Laundry, owned and controlled by M. W. Bynum. It is the only one conducted on a large scale by an Afro-American on the coast. It has grown from a very small business to a large concern—operated by modern machinery, and giving employment to six or more employees regularly. * * Rev. S. W. Hawkins, of M. E. church declares he can stop all lynchings, apprehend and punish all lynchers. His proposition is this: If every Negro in the United States were to give him $1.00 each, with the eight million dollars he could employ detectives enough; move the functions of the courts, and judges, get the favor of the Associated Press, influence the editors of our American newspapers,(the Southern newspapers included), get the aid of churches and ministers, establish such a "money power" to stop all lynching, apprehend and punish all lynchers. Wonders could be accomplished with $8,000,000 in alleviating the sufferings of the race! * * * There was a sacred concert with union services at the M. E. Tabernacle church under the auspices

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THE INDUSTRIAL CONGRESS

OF THE AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE, AT NORMAL,

Alabama, Was a Decided Success—Prominent Educators From Tennessee and Alabama in Attendance—The Address of Welcome Delivered by Prof. W. H. Council, Ph. D.

Normal, Ala., April 9th., 1898.—At the Industrial Congress held here to-day under the auspices of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, a very large number of prominent Negroes and white people, representing every county in Alabama, and some of the southern counties of Tennessee were in attendance. Prof. W. H. Councill, Ph. D., the president of the institution presided. In his address of welcome he had the following to say:

Fellow Laborers:—I welcome you to our fifth annual industrial meeting. This gathering of Negro farmers, mechanics and laborers of various kinds of the great Tennessee valley to discuss questions looking to the promotion of interests of labor and material advancement of our whole country, deserves the success which has attended our deliberation in the past meetings, and merits the commendation of good men everywhere. That many of you have come a long distance, at no little trouble and expense, on a purely industrai mission is of great significance to the race and tells us that a new Negro has come into the new South. A Negro no longer allured to idle sleep by the "forty acres and a mule" nor dream of political preferment, nor hope of reward without labor, but a new Negro who recognizes that he is one seventh in material strength, of the mightiest political power in the world. A new Negro who feels the responsibilities which came with emancipation—responsibilities for wholesome laws, for the material prosperity of the land, for the virtues of the country, for the industrious intelligence of the Union. A new Negro whose soul has been touched and quickened into activities and hollier aspirations, nobler aims, grander achievements—a new Negro who places no degrading constructions on God's commands. "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread." Good, honest, faithful labor to him is the open sesame to earth's riches and to heaven's blessings. The new Negro will not be held in the labor markets by sentiment as the old Negroin past years has been. The whole South is shaking off its "make shift policy" and is demanding more competency in all occupations. The new Negro must enter the market on merit and remain because he is fittest. He must put honesty and brain into the laundry, kitchen, housekeeping, nursing, blacksmithing, carpentry and farming. Put honesty and brain into the hills and valleys of the South and the ever ready earth will respond in an immeasurable blessing.

A kind Providence has lavished blessings upon our southland. Nature has filled the earth, water and skies with bountiful stores which will come forth at the call of the industrious man. Mankind in all ages and countries had to fight its way up to wealth and civilization. There are no royal roads for races any more than for individuals. They must plod their weary way up through the gradations of centuries. "Plant your colors; here is the best place to stay in," was the declared voice of the Gods by the old Roman Senators and from which sinking Rome took courage and rose again to life and victory.

The white South and the black South are friends, dispite the unfriendly criticisms and the ravings of politicians. Our own stout hearts and industrious hands, with these friendly relations have enabled us to accumulate 400,000 farms and homes—an aggregate wealth of a billion of dollars, and continuing these favorable conditions, "it doth not appear" what we will do for the South and what the South will do for us.

Rev. E. M. Cravath, D. D., the president of Fisk University, was the guest of the institution during the day, and Mrs. Virginia Clay Clopton delivered a very impressive address. The great pavillion was crowded. American flags, buntings and a variety of patriotic decorations added to the attractions of the occasion. The four hundred students on the college grounds formed a line, arrayed in their work-shop costumes, and with beautiful banners carried over them, marched from the Mechanic Arts Building to the pavillion, headed by the Normal Brass Band. An exhibition of the agricultural products of the farmer's life was carefully dealt with.

CHARLES ALEXANDER.

A Budget of Newsy Jottings.

Cincinnati, O., Special.—The Simon Lodge of the A. and A. F. M. annual sermon was preached at Allen Temple Sunday by the pastor, J. M. Townsend. * * The St. John A. M. E. Zion church has been handsomely repainted. The grand opening will take place on the 17th. * * Mr. Williams, an old citizen of Walnut Hills, died last Tuesday. The funeral took place from the First Baptist church at 1 p. m, Rev. W. Philips officiating. * * Mr. William Jackson, a student of the medical department of Howard university, Washington, D. C., is home on a vacation and will remain here until the fall term of his school begins.* * The Zion Baptist church, located on Ninth-st., between John and Central-ave., is being handsomely painted. The pastor, H. H. Harris, A. M., is doing a great work and his church feels proud of him. The grand opening will take place the first Sunday in May and a grand program is being prepared for the occasion. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock the K. P.'s annual sermon will be preached by the pastor. The annual address will be delivered by Mr. Lee Wilson. * * Rev. Moore, whose splendid sermons have been listened to with pleasure by the members of the Corinthian Baptist church, Avondale, left for his home, Georgetown, Ky. * * The tamborine drill and concert given at Zion Baptist brilliant affair. The drill, composed of twelve little misses, who play their parts well,, with Capt. J. S. Fielding at the head. * * The program rendered before the Zion Literary was an unbounded success and was greeted with a large audience. One of the chief features was an oration by Mr. L. L. Till, of Walnut Hills, which was well received. * * The Christian church, formerly located at corner of Seventh and Plum-sts., has removed on John-st., between George and Seventh-sts. They began their removal meeting on Monday evening. * * Any on wishing The Freeman will please see or address H. B. Brooks, 929 Mound-st. * * A very swell club konwn as the "None Such" club recently organized, gave a grand select social at the residence of Mrs. W. . Thompson, 421 W. Ninth-st. on last Friday evening.

Fifteenth Anniversary Celebration.

Gammon Theological Seminary will celebrate its Fifteenth Anniversary in a unique way. Instead of a program to set forth the glories of its remarkable history, a Preacher's Assembly will be held for the instruction and edification of the ministers of all denominations. The date is May 12th to 19th. There will be an "Epworth League Day," with Bishop Ninde, Drs. Berry and Schell, Secretary Penn and others as speakers. The 14th will be "Africa Day," with Bishop Hartzell and Bishop Taylor as the chief speakers. On Sunday afternoon there will be a grand rally at the Moody Tabernacle, in behalf of Africa, in which all the Atlanta churches will unite, with an address by Bishop Hartzell. "The Church and the People" (Sociology and Moral Reform) is the theme for Monday, with Principal Booker Washington, Dr. D. K. Moore, Mr. D. D. Thomson, of the Northwestern, Dr. DuBois, of the University of Pennsylvania, to lead in the discussions.

"The Church and its Ministry" is the theme for Tuesday, with Bishops Gaines, Clinton and others to speak. "Christian Education" will be presented by Secretaries Hamilton and Mason and Drs. Helden, Crogman and Chavis. Dr. Barnes, of Cincinnati, will give daily lectures on the Bible. Mr. Paul Laurence Dunbar will read from his poems, "Lyrics of Lowly Life" and his stories, "Folks from Dixie." A large number of the Alumni and other ministers will present papers and lead in discussions.

Excursion rates have been secured on all railroads. Free entertainment has been provided for many preachers. For others ,free rooms and meals for 35 cents per day.

CAPTURE OF A VETERAN.

By the Commander In Chief of His Headquarters.

"Say, mister, have you seen a mean lookin little cuss with a blue suit an brass buttons on hangin raoun here this week?" said a tall woman to the clerk at a Lewiston hotel Friday.

"Don't know that I have. How mean does he look?" was the reply.

"He pertends to be a vitran," continued the woman regarding the clerk over her glasses, "an ginrally about Grand Army time he disappears from his wife's bed an board an goes off an licks the hull south. I want to see him. I want him to come home."

Up the corridors came the sound of laughter.

A party of veterans were telling tales of war.

A familiar voice smote upon the air. The woman's lips closed tightly.

"I tell you, comrades, I jes' enjoyed that air fight at Chancellorsville more'n I did the hull durned muss from fus to las'. You see, Gin'rul Jackson was off on to our lef' a-trampin like the very devil to outflank the Union lines. That air mornin my cap'n he sez to me, sez he, 'Jake, you take a detachment o' five men an go aout an see what Stonewall's doin! Ef you suspect—ef you suspect,' sez he—'that there's any kind o' sneakin er beatin aroun the bush goin on, you jes' lay low an kyhoot for the Union lines.' 'Well, sez I' "—

Just then a woman shoved through the throng and linked her arm in his.

The words died on his lips. The fight died out of his eyes. A spasm passed over his countenance that left it a sickly green, the color of the hide of a sour cucumber.

"Jabez," said the woman, "be you here a-lyin ag'in? What made you take that air hoss an drive him here to this G. A. R. spree? Hev you been a-drinkin? Hev you been a-forgettin of your commandment not to lie? Did you tell these gentlemen that as fur as you got to war was to Augusta, an thet you got so feared over there thet you was sick for three weeks? Gin'rul Jackson! You little lyin thing you! Did you tell the Grand Army men that you was drafted an thet they couldn't find you fer six weeks where you was a-hidin in the woods?

"Come home, Jabez—the caows and the pigs need you."

And the little old man in the blue coat looked up into the woman's face with a gray, misty, tearful look in his eyes. The glad light that had been in them was gone. His little bit of glory was at an end.

Poor old fellow—after all!—Lewiston (Me.) Journal.

THE SPLIT INFINITIVE.

G. Bernard Shaw Says the Clamor About It Is All Nonsense.

In a letter to the editor of the London Chronicle G. Bernard Shaw writes:

I should have thought, now that we have an academy of letters, that it might rescue us from the gentlemen who occasionally write to you to explain how English should be written. Some time ago you let loose an unhappy creature to whom some competent person had incautiously pointed out a common blunder in the use of "and which." Not understanding the matter, he began accusing every writer in whose works he could discover "and which" of writing bad English. With your permission, I have extinguished him, and he has not since been heard of. There was some excuse for that poor wretch, because there unquestionable is a wrong way of using "and which," but for the "split infinitive" pest there is no excuse at all. There is nothing whatever to mislead him except his own nature. If any man were to object to a split indicative such as "I greatly regret," or a split subjunctive such as "I should greatly prefer," or a split imperative such as "come slowly up," what newspaper would waste an inch of space on his foolish ignorance? And yet this split infinitive nonsense is taken quite seriously by editors who are sufficiently good writers to repeatedly use it themselves.

The infinitive is a mood in which the position of the adverb cannot possibly produce ambiguity; consequently the order of the words is not a matter of grammar, but of style, of which the ear is the only arbiter. The ear often demands the split infinitive and will have it in spite of all the silly people who do not know what style means.

When these infinite insects are disposed of, you will no doubt be attacked in due course by the even more impudent impostors who, though they pronounce the word "color" so as to rhyme with "duller," and never hear it and never have heard it and never will hear it pronounced in any other way, from time to time pretend to be shocked when it is spelt without a "u." I trust you will always insist on these nuisances definitely stating whether they pronounce it or "honor" or "neighbor" or "favor" or "behavior" so as to rhyme with "our" or "poor," as the case may be, or whether they are merely bogus etymologists—century belated Johnsons.

In either case you will be justified in recommending them to the care of their relatives and suppressing their babblings.

Black and White Effects.

Black and white effects again figure largely in the domain of both fashionable dress and millinery. Black and white silks, satins and brocades just brought from over the sea are set forth by leading importers. Black and white taffetas, surahs, failles and other fancy silks and liberty textiles appear. Black and white checks and plaids are being formed into stylish spring costumes by the fashionable dressmakers, and Frenchwomen are now wearing black and white satin brocade shirt waists with their stylish black cloth skirts. Waists of black and white or gray and white stripes or dots are always good style, whether made in the manner of the cotton shirt waists or with full fronts turned back with white revers over a tucked chemisette of fabric to match. A full blouse of cream white silk or satin, covered everywhere with a drapery or veiling merely of jetted black net, often proves the most becoming of all waists a slender woman of indifferent complexion can select. Sometimes cream ribbons matching the blouse are the most satisfactory additions she can make to the waist; again, a bow of soft pink or brilliant cerise satin works wonders of improvement.—New York Post.

Crossing Swords In the House.

Away back in the seventies, during the famous deadlock fight on the civil rights bill, the question of the adjournment of congress was under discussion one Saturday afternoon. Ben Butler, that born wit, had stepped over to Sam Randall's desk for a private consultation. Butler favored a Sunday session, while Randall opposed it vigorously.

"Bad as I am, I have some respect for God's day," said the famous high tariff champion, "and I don't think it right to hold a session on the Sabbath."

"Oh, pshaw!" responded Butler. "Doesn't the Bible say that it is lawful to pull your ox or ass out of the pit on the Sabbath day? You have 73 asses on your side of this house that I want to get out of this ditch tomorrow, and I think I am engaged in a holy work."

"Don't do it, Butler," pleaded Randall. "I have some respect for you that I don't want to lose. I expect some day to meet you in a better world."

"But you'll be there, as you are here," retorted the sly Benjamin, quick as a flash, "a member of the lower house."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Quality of Real Fun.

One man said to another in an elevated car about something that he had just read, "Now, that is actually funny," and then he read it over again. The inference from this is, of course, that many of the things written in fun are not really funny, and, making due allowance for lack of appreciation, it is doubtless true that much of the matter written as fun actually does lack the true spark. It may be well intentioned, good natured, even cheerful, and yet lack the peculiar filling, satisfying, energizing, refreshing, uplifting quality of real fun.

The man who has this kind of fun in his heart and who has besides the power of communicating it to his neighbor need not go to the Klondike for his reward.—New York Ledger.

The Borrower's Way.

If you lend a man grass seed, he'll come around later to borrow a lawn mower.—Christian Work.

A TALISMAN.

What uses had he for all these—
This ring-locked, rusty bunch of keys?
Ah, this one closed his vault of wine,
And this one opened up the mine
From whence he took the store of thought
That here are in his writings wrought.
But this? Why, here he held his life!
This was his latchkey, and his wife
Has thanked dear God to hear it turn.
Its place is 'mong the ashes in his urn.

—William Lightfoot Visscher in Woman's Home Companion.

AT THE AQUARIUM.

A Feeding Time Incident of Life In the Balanced Tanks.

When the decorator crab gets too big for its shell, it does what many other shellfish do—it sheds it, emerging with its new shell already formed, but at that stage of its growth pliable and not much thicker than paper. In its soft shell state it is comparatively defenseless, and it keeps out of the way of other shellfish if it can, but its new shell soon hardens, and then it goes about in its accustomed manner.

The decorator increases greatly, perhaps a third in size, almost immediately after leaving its old shell, which it scarcely seems possible it could ever have inhabited, but it gets out of the old shell nevertheless without damaging it and leaving it often disposed in a most lifelike form.

The decorators at the aquarium are fed separately, so that each will be sure to get its portion. The food is put down to them on the tip of a little stick, which is shaken gently over them, and the food, thus detached, falls within the crabs' grasp. There is no current in the balanced tanks in which the smaller decorators are, and anything dropped in the water drops straight down. The other day there were found in one of these tanks, clinging to the ulva, two decorators, which were supplied, as usual, by placing their food in the water where they would be sure to get it. Being somewhat pressed for time that day, however, the man who fed them did not wait to see the crabs actually eat. He placed their food within reach and trusted them to do the rest.

But glancing in at this tank on his return from feeding the small fishes and things in the other balanced tanks he saw the two decorators that he had found on the ulva still there and in precisely the same attitudes as before, and then he realized that they were not live crabs, but sheddings. He had been feeding empty shells. On taking them out of the tank he found inside of one of them the fragment of food which he had dropped for it, which had fallen into it through the opening between the upper and the lower part of the shell which the crab had made in getting out.

It may be that the two decorators formerly residing in these shells, but now secure in some distant part of the tank with new shells hardening on their backs, smiled as they thought of the feeding of their empty shells. It is certain that the man who fed them smiled as he arranged them for preservation in the aquarium's collections.—New York Sun.

Croquettes.

The secret of having croquettes firm, lies in their being mixed for a long time. The meat should be chopped very fine after being freed from all fat and gristle, and about a half pint of milk allowed to each pint of meat. The milk should be put over the fire while a tablespoonful of butter and 2 tablespoonfuls of flour are rubbed together. The hot milk is then added, and the whole cooked to a thick, smooth paste. Meantime, to a pint of chopped meat is added a tablespoonful of chopped parsley, salt and pepper to taste, the grated rind of a lemon, and a teaspoonful of onion juice, if that is liked, or some cooks simply rub a halved onion over the mixing bowl. The seasoned meat is then stirred into the paste and the whole turned out to cool. The meat should be allowed to stand for at least 2 hours before it is molded into croquettes. Dip first in eggs, then in bread crumbs, and fry in smoking hot fat. Powdered shredded biscuits will be found a pleasant variety to the bread crumbs. It is a caution, by the way, in the use of these biscuits, where bread crumbs are required, that they are very unsuccessful in escalloped tomatoes. They are too starchy, evidently, to be of use there, and they form a gummy mass that is not appetizing.—New York Post.

Simple Ruby Lamp.

Secure an ordinary quart size red Rhine wine bottle and by gently tapping on the bottom thereof break out enough glass to allow the insertion of a candle. A hammer can be used for this purpose, if a little care be taken. Then wrap a piece of ruby paper all around the bottle, securing same by paste or mucilage. The lamp is now ready for use, and by standing the bottle on a triangle of burned matches and lighting the candle, will burn without any trimming of wick and other oil lamp inconveniences. The little white light emanating from the top will do absolutely no harm.—New York Mail and Express.

Curious Typographical Errors.

Dr. Daniel of the Texas Medical Journal, referring to a recent editorial in The Statesman on typographical errors, gives an amusing experience in that line. He says he wrote, "Dr. Jno. Bailyhache aet 74 years, born July 22, 1822, and died"— Imagine his disgust when it appeared in The Journal, "Dr. Bellyache ate 74 years of corn July 22, 1822, and died."—Austin Statesman.

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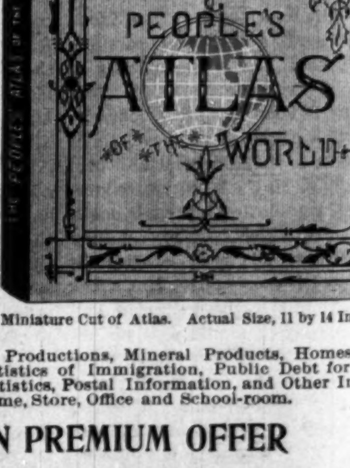

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Brethren—The War Clouds Stirs Up Things Generally—Brann, the Iconiclast Editor, Who Wanted the White Folks to Kill All the Negroes, is Dead.

Grenada, Miss., Special:—The sample copies of the Freeman came recently, and I distributed them gratis, "stating as I did so—"read the greatest Negro news journal in the world," etc. I have the promise of several subscribers. I shall, under your instructions, appoint an agent in every town in my district. The Freeman is my choice of secular Negro newspapers. I can't for the life of me see how reading Negroes can do without it. How do they keep in touch with the outside world without the Freeman? I abhor a would-be leading Negro who will spend $10 and $12 dollars per year for white newspapers, and won't spend a dollar in support of one of his race. In fact he just can't lead me if I know of his weakness in him. Mississippi Negroes are waked up over the darkness of the gathering war clouds. But the unanimous opinion here is if it takes war to liberate Cuba. let it be war to the death but let Cuba be freed. There was universal rejoicing here among reading Negroes at the announcement of the tragic death of W. C. Bran, editor of the Iconoclast of Waco, Texas. You will remember this virulent, vituperative writer issued a pamphlet 3 or 4 years ago, asking the white people to take a day off, and go gunning, and kill all the Negroes in the country. We would have questioned the sanity of the author of such hog-wash, had he not treated other subjects with philosophy and sound reasoning. But he has paid for his virulent vaporings with his life. May the sombre shadows of the grave hover over his resting place, and may the stillness of the city of the dead be not marred with the demoniacal screams of the inoffensive and defenseless Negroes he had murdered in his mind—the death of Bruce. Cuney and Bishop Armstrong following each other in quick succession, removes from the race variety a trio of leaders both in church and state, whose places can be easily filled as a casual observer might suppose, God bless The Freeman, may it ever live, and may its proprietor grow corpulent off of the fat of the land from patronage and substantial aid in keeping alive such a worthy race journal. Yours for the race,

E. Malcolm Argyle.

Interesting Notes.

Wartrace, Tenn., Special:—The people of Wartrace express themselves as highly pleased with the concert given here by a band of young people from Shelbyville, Tenn. Prominent among the young ladies were Misses Blanchie Hart, Mary Simpson, Ellie Brown, Mary Wooley. * * Dr. T. W. Haigler, of Chattanooga, Tenn., gave an entertaining lecture to the school Thursday. The Dr. was in town Saturday also, when he made several experiments on hynotism, and gave free of charge a deal of medical treatments. * * Our Saturday night's concert is said to have been the best ever passed through. * * Rev. L. B. Watson commenced his series of protracted meetings Sunday night last. * * Easter Sunday was observed here with imposing ceremonies. The court was out in its gayest paraphnalia. * * The early fruit in this locality is said to be greatly damaged. The wheat looks to be injured some. * * The city schools close in three weeks. * * Mr. Ed. Erwin is to be up-to-date in newspaper business.

Personal Mention.

Selma, Ala., Special:—Easter day was celebrated at Brown's Chapel by very appropriate exercises. Rev. J. W. Walker is making a mark in his field. Prof. J. P. Moten, of Washington, Pres. of Ryms University, is the pride of his church in Alabama. * * Rev. W. C. Bradford, of the Tabernacle Baptist church, raised $88.00 in an ordinary collection last Sunday. Rev. Bradford is the Chesterfield of the Baptist denomination in this section. * * Rev. C. J. Hardy has the finest church building in the city, and his followers are legions. * * The Zion Methodist cause is trusted in the hands of Dr. Christopher Hunt. His church is alive along all lines. * * Rev. L. W. Williams, of the M. E. church, reports rapid growth in his field. * * Rev. I. J. Bell, of the Congregational church and Rev. S. J. Kingston, of the Presbyterian church, stand higher in the colored ministerial council of the city. * * Selma University Baptist is about out of debt. Dr. C. S. Dinkins, its able and scholarly president, has placed this school beyond the failure point by paying off its debts lifting its mortgages and engaging such talent in its faculty that it has overstepped denominational lines and has become the pride of all the people. * * Knox Academy ranks high among our schools, with a president whose learning is well rated by our educators. By no means least among the knights of the ferule is our friend Prof. Hudson, principal of the city school. Selma is fairly represented of the Negroe's business tact. We have in Dr. L. L. Burwell, a physician of more than common skill. He is proprietor of a well furnished drug store, in care of Drs. E. W. Brown and L. L. Tomlinson. But since some cases will scorn the healing art, Mr. Sullivan, the popular undertaker, is nicely fixed for emergencies. Among grocerers we have Brooks and Warner, Sullivan, Abbott, Powell and others. Before the Freeman goes to press the bells will have chimed and Mr. Henry Carter will have led Miss Ida Williams to the altar. * * Miss Ella Adams has returned from Dayton. * * Miss Laura Samuels, of the faculty of Paynes University, has been ill for a few days. * * Madam Rumor has taken the streets and whispers sweet stories of the approaching marriage of Dr. Winfield H. Mixon, to a fair daughter of the Buckeye State. The reception in this city will be historical in colored society. It is whispered that Cupid aimed well the darts that make Rev. D—, of the Selma University and Miss W— sweetly sick of that illness which their pastor well may cure. Read the Freeman for a report of the latest events.

H. B. J.

Interesting Items.

Knoxville, Tenn., Special.—The ministers union met last Monday and elected the following officers: Rev. A. Ellison, president; Rev. William Byrd, secretary; Rev. R. D. Jennings, treasurer. The Union meets every Monday evening at 10 o'clock in the A. M. E. church. * * Rev. William R. Brown, pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist church, preached the ordination sermon to Rev. J. G. L. Crippen at the Second Baptist church on Patterson-st. * * Mrs. James Barrett died Wednesday morning at 4:20 o'clock. She leaves a husband, a daughter, two sons and a host of friends to mourn her loss. * * Charles W. Cusler delivered the annual address to the students of Greenville College, April 12th. * * There will be an entertainment given by the Band of Mercy at Logan Temple church, April 14 for the benefit of the pastor, Rev. F. R. White. * * George Washington arrived in the city Thursday to attend the funeral of his mother-in-law, Mrs. James Bannett. * * Miss Rosa Davis is on the sick list. * * Mrs. Rebert Cannon is indisposed. * * Peter Maas is quite sick. * * The Southern Chains H. H. of Ruth will be set up Thursday night. * * The sewing department of the Cosmopolitan Industrial school held their annual social April 5. A large number of friends examined the students work and bought several articles. * * The Little Zion Sunday-school will give a literary and musical concert Tuesday evening, April 12th. * * Lewis Ninnie died of small-pox at the pest house Thursday. This is the first death from the small pox. * * The Easter music rendered by the different choirs was excellent. * * Haydn Second Mess in C by the Mt. Zion Baptist church deserves special praise. Undet the leadership of Mr. J. R. Walker. It was the first mass sang in East Tennessee.

Notes.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—The colored lawyers of Memphis met Friday to form a Bar association. H. R. Sadler was elected chairman; H. M. Bomar, secretary. After several interesting talks they adjourned to meet next Friday. * * Douglass Lodge, No. 1, K. of P., held their twenty-ninth annual service at Avery Chapel A. M. E. church Sunday, April 3d. * * St. Peter and Mt. Manah commanderies, K. T. S. celebrated Easter Sunday. * * Mr. and Mrs. James Parker, of King-st., buried their bay on the 9th. * * Sandy Melson was called to Masontown to attend his sick sister. * * Mrs. Mary Brown, for fifty years a member of the church, was buried on the 8th. * * F. H. Gillespie has sold his meat market on St. Paul-st.

"Mighty Interesting Reading."

The Freeman, of Indianapolis, has a long and very interesting article on the "Negro Conference" recently held at Tuskegee Normal and Iudstrial Institute, Tuskegee, Ala. The article is profusely illustrated with cuts of buildings, teachers, student classes, livestock, shops, gardens, farms, etc., and makes "mighty interesting reading." The Freeman must be commended for so able and interesting a presentation of thi sinstitution and its work. Such an article is sure to do good and it reflects great credit upon Negro journalism.—The Florida Evangelist.

LOST RELATIVE .

My owners name was Tom Newman, who lived in Orange county, Virginia. My mother was Kitty Porter, who died in 1873, in Alexandria, Va. My sisters are Charlotte Porter, May Porter, Tusey Long, Alice Long. My brothers are John Long, Morton Long and Peirce Long. Received a letter from my sister, Charlotte Porter, in 1870, from Alexandria, Va., informing me that my people lived in Tennessee. Address Caroline McCray, 313 Sanlinier-st., Houston, Tex.

LOST RELATIVES.

Aunt Caroline and I were stolen from Louisville, Ky., when I was about eight years old, carried to New Orleans, La., and was bought by a man from Mississippi, whose name was Alvert Dorchy. He then moved to Texas, where I am now living. I left a mother and two brothers in Louisville. My mother's name was Mary Jones and my brothers, Richard and Squire Jones. I am now about sixty years old. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of any of the above named persons will do me a great favor in writing me.

Clarisie Jones, LaGrange, Texas.

The Freeman inCalifornia.

H. C. Allen has taken the general agency for The Freeman, and will have on every issue plenty of copies for sale. The Freeman is offering special inducements for this season.—New Searchlight, Los Angeles, Cal.

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The Zenith Attained.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 19, 1898.

Mr. Knox: Inclosed I hand you money order for subscription to The Freeman and a copy of Sept. 11, '97, which number will make my eighth volume, all beautifully bound. Please hurry along this paper of the 11th, so I can hand it to my binder. Refering to the Christmas number of The Freeman, I am proud to say that superb zenith was veritably attained in this number, both in typography and in the elegance of contributions. In its general make-up the question was undoubtedly settled by all fair-minded thinkers that The Freeman as a true race journal leads, and all others follow. Yours,

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It is the curse of Spiritualism that in all large cities there are a class of men and women who claim powers they do not possess. They have neither gifts, credentials, nor references. Surely the colored people are not so wanting in senses as to throw their time and money away on such. Dr. Shea refers to the Hon. Chas. Miller, capitalist, 2481 Atlantic Avenue; the Hon. Wm. Denmore, architect and builder, 47 Cleveland avenue, and Mr. Fred Lampe, grocer, 641 Fulton street, Brooklyn. All have known him for the past ten years. He gives a free test of his power to all. The doctor has practiced five years in New Orleans, St Louis, Memphis and Louisville; understands thoroughly the diseases, spells or influences the race is subject to. He has now and always had large patronage from them.

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Albert Ayres,

2937 Atlantic avenue.

Brooklyn, Aug 15,—This letter is to certify that my husband had gone away and had been absent two years I mourned for him night and day. I gave him up as dead. Hearing of the wonderful things Dr. Shea was doing I resolved to consult him. He told me that my husband was alive and well and where he was; told me he would come home and when. To my joy all of it came true. He is home now, came back like one from the dead. I also wish to say that this month I lost $250. I am a poor woman and I was almost insane. I went to Dr. Shea and he told me I would find my money and to my intense joy I did find it as he told me I thank God there is a man so gifted in our midst that can help people and tell them what to do. Sincerely.

121-23rd street. Mrs. Barrett.

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I wish to state that one of my parishoners was sick and in trouble for a long time, Mrs. Brown, 37 Gay street. No one seemed to under stand her case. She had several doctors, but none of them seemed to know what was the matter. None could do her any good It was my duty as her pastor to call and see her. Hearing of the wonderful work being done by Dr. Shea the last few years, I thought I would call and see him myself, I found him a sympathetic gentleman. He gave me a wonderful test of his powers; told me to send him a lock of patient,s hair, which I did by her daughter. He told at once what was the matter and in a short time cured her sound and well. Her family had seemingly been under a cloud. Now all is changed. All are well and prosperous. I can truly and heartily recoommend Dr. Shea, to all those in sickness or distress of any kind. Rev. William Johnson, pastor Lebanon church, Brooklyn.

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Geo. L. Knox.

THE STATUS OF THE NEGRO.

The Negro portion of the United States as has been stated at this time are somewhat indifferent patriots. The statement without some qualifications at this time when the whole country is agog as to war seems unwarranted or perhaps premature or possibly flippant. But the careful perusal of the journals of the race, and the many communications pouring in this office on the subject add their testimony as to the correctness of the view.

Just why this indifference exists is too long a story to rehearse, and farther, all are acquainted with the condition of affairs in this country that reduces patriotism in the race a very appreciable extent. Tardy justice, inequalities, flagrant, patent, and general contempt, are not to be laughed down, or frowned down as has been the custom in the past. It is the school-house that is playing the important part it is destined to play.

Education is no respector of persons. It is just as absurd to deny that education illumines all alike as it is to deny that water seeks its level. The discontent will exist, will increase as long as intellectual discernment descries any effort at discrimination. To think otherwise will be to deny education its functions.

The South, in slavery days saw to it that the mind lay dead, unquickened by concepts of any intellectual kind. They knew the consequences of an illumined mind. They knew that the light once dawning would be as true to the mind as the sun is to the day. It cannot be imagined that there are those who are appalled by the lack of enthusiasm displayed for the Spanish wär if they are acquainted with the social history of the country subsequent to the civil war. Patriotism means a home to protect, that, protects the individual in turn; protecting him unhesitatingly, cheerfully without demurring, and everlastingly.

However regardless of that mutual and actually existing reciprocity that should exist between the individual and the State it is far better to take up arms in defense of the home such as it may be rather than invite attacks of a force so powerfully equipped to commit further wrongs with impunity. As has been said a thousand times the Negro is naturally impulsive, which makes him a dreadful foe on the battle field. And right here it might be said the charge of cowardice against him has long been dismissed from the minds of many who for a time clung tenaciously to such a belief. Individually he is no more to be assaulted than any other man. He may be accused of being an adept in the use of his razor and all that, but it serves his purpose and he stands dreaded in consequence. It is true that in the South they have made havoc with him, but it was because the enemy came as a thousand is to one. Even then he has often succeeded in securing escort to hell or to some more congenial clime.

It is safe that for a citizen, a citizen properly speaking, he is the most satisfactory citizen on earth. His very timidity in social, business, and political affairs have won him closed doors and rebuffs very often, which timidity has been mistaken for ignorance when it was nothing more than his intense civility. He was born a diplomat, a courtier, which the boorish whites have mistaken for sycphancy, pusillanimity, or asininity. So runs the record of the race in every hamlet in the country. It is true that he is beginning to show his teeth now on the slightest provocation. But what is to be expected? Humility has brought nothing but humiliation. It has not proven a case of stooping to conquer, but unmitigated stooping.

W. D. Johnson, editor of the Kentucky Standard, of Louisville, Ky., is being urged for congress from the district in which Louisville is situated. There is no reason why Johnsonshould not run for congress. He certainly is eminently qualified for the position. His candidacy will have the tendency to bear down the artificial walls erected against just such aspirations, which must result in future good. Johnson may not see his hopes realized, but he would be stronger for having the courage of his convictions.

MAJOR TAYLOR, WHEELMAN.

It now appears that Major Taylor, of the city, the best known colored wheelman in the country, after meeting a waterloo in the South is to suffer further humiliation by being barred from the races at Woodside Park, Philadelphia. Manager Eck says:

"We shall bar colored riders and, unfortunately, Taylor is included. That isone of the arrangements with the owners of Woodside Park. The L. A. W. opens its membership only to white riders in good standing and our entry lists are open only to such. My men will not make matches with Taylor, not that they are afraid of defeat, for he proved last season that he could win only occasionaly from the best men; but they object on general principles to competing against him."

On what general principles pray tell, because he is a "nigger." Pretty poor principle to be a principle. Taylor ought to enlist for Cuba at once, and serve as a target for a Spanish torpedo. In this line of activity there would not be a single protest from Maine to Mexico. It is thought there will be legal complications over the matter.

All are content to allow the Baker incident to sleep until the war scare is over. It is no more than right, but it should not sleep forever.—Freeman.

Of course it is justice to protect the country and maintain its dignity and honor—but we are of the opinion that the "sleep" will be a wholesome slumber. The Negro press has no time to nod. It will take all the Negro journals combined, with all the efforts they can put forth and all the impressive language that can be mustered up to keep the incident in memory. If it is no more than right to "let it sleep until the war scare is over, as Brother Knox says, we might as well say no more about it, but let it sleep until national authorities see fit to arouse it—and we will see what the outcome will be. It will sleep until the recording angel looks over his books and calls the name of the perpetrators.—North West Illuminator, Seattle, Wash.

All of which points to the small faith the race as a rule has in the promises held out by the government. It may be said again that Republics are too feeble institutions for the governments of classes. A lowly race that is in the minority in every mean that helps to make up the sum total of racial status has but a small bid for that protection which morally is due every citizen. But the ballot is sovereign in Republics; the uncrowned king, and none are too high to do it reverence. Paris has seen in the Dreyfus case what monarchies could hardly expect to see.. The Ministry fearing dissolution, the chambers of Senators and Deputies fearing repudiation, simply because the right to set them aside was vested in the sancullotte. The United States is no better situated. The ballot is as absolutely the monarch as the Czar of all the Russias. Mobs may rage but if they carry with that rage public sentiment as expressed by the major side they rage unmolested—in splendid isolation, so to speak. At the bottom of it all lies the ballot, in all its power. Men can not afford and will not grind out simple justice to men at their individual expense, and that is what it means. Christianity be hanged and humanity be—when just such acts bring swift retribution reasoneth the average man and with a good cause.

Hon. J. Frank Hanly, of Lafayette, Ind., is being urged as a candidate for U. S. Senator to succeed Hon. David Turpie. Mr .Hanley bears the distinction of having been defeated for Congress by the smallest majority known in American politics—fifty-two one hundreths of a vote. He has served one term in congress. The redistricting of the State it is held threw him in new territory, hence his defeat by that remarkably small majority for a second term.

In this connection the Freeman takes special pleasure in thanking C. H. J. Taylor, of the Atlanta, (Ga.) Appeal for tender of support in person in event Geo. L. Knox was a candidate for Congress from this district.

THE REPUBLICAN TICKET.

The ticket nominated by the Republicans of Marion county last Saturday is considered a very strong one. In fact all the candidates before the convention were very acceptable and would have proven equally as advantageous to the ticket as those who were nominated. The tendency to relieve those of office who had held them for several years was quite apparent, yet those individuals had given satisfaction as office holders and as party men. The ticket from indications will be elected, but it should be borne in mind that the Democratic ticket is strong and formidable, and that there is no hope of gaining from them owing to a weak and unsatisfactory ticket. But the county nominally is Republican and should the party hold its own it should win out.

The judicial and the legislative part of the ticket is yet to be nominated. A colored man for the legislative part of the ticket is up for consideration. If not why not? Robert Bruce Bagby is available along with others who might be mentioned. Let a colored man be nominated as he must do some of the voting.

In these race questions that are being agitated the colored brother asks with a simplicity born of ignorance, "What are we to do about it?" The answer is: "protest against it." It does not matter if the thing obtains—courage lies in registering a vow against it and not so much in trying to wring out immediate success.

McKinley is President, and every one knows it by this time.

War should only come after every known mean has failed to bring about peace.

The principle candidates have been nominated for the county offices. The war is on.

A war with Spain seems to be inevitable at this time. The outcome of the strife can only end in favor of this country.

A colored man should be on the remaining portion of the ticket, regardless of those who think they hold a trusteeship over the party.

Gen. Lew Wallace says he will not be a candidate for U. S. Senator. He feels that he would rather be a private soldier in action than a Senator of the United States.

If the time is not at hand to put colored men on tickets that they support then the time is not ripe for any other advances to be made in their behalf.

HON. JOS. F. JOHNSTON, GOVERNOR OF ALABAMA.

A few days ago Gov. Johnston gave our traveling representative, Mr. Grant S. Neal, a cordial reception, and in the meantime, permitted Mr. Neal to add his name to the "Freeman's" subscription list. Gov. Johnston is a broadguaged man and can number his colored friends by the thousands. All of Alabama's citizens, both white and colored are proud of him. He is the candidate for re-election and the indications are that he will succeed himself as chief magistrate, a position which he so well deserves.

Mr. G. L. Knox, who is supposed to be a candidate for Congress from this district is receiving many warm letters commending him in event he should make the race. One from Buffalo, N. Y., is subjoined.

The Hon. George L. Knox, Indianapolis, Ind. Dear Sir:—The Spectator is glad to hear of your candidacy for Congress, and hope it is something more than a rumor. There is needed today, as much as ever one intelligent and courageous representative of the race in the national forum, yet in view of the open, manly opposition of the enemy, and the chicanery of so-called friends, it needs a man of undaunted courage unquestionable fidelity, and the highest order of intelligence to enter the arena. All these you possess. Let the race in your district honor themselves by rallying round to you, and success is yours. I wish I knew wherein I can aid. Very sincerely yours,

F. L. S. Peregrim.

So far as needing protection in this country, I will say, whenever the Negro protects himself, by education, then by moral and religious worth combined, he will find protection in his rights as an American citizen. 'Tis then he will be worth protecting. On the other hand should the Negro degrade himself below the level of a brute by his fiendish acts, let his suffer at the end of a rope, or by flames of fire, it matters not to us colored women. L. A. PORTER,

Lakeland, March 3, 1888.

The above is from the pen of Mrs. L. A. Porter, and it is the most remarkable communication that we have ever read, and we want to denounce it as unworthy the woman whose name is signed. We are sorry to see such a communication emanating from a woman whose husband is very much respected by the Negroes of eKntucky, and we are sorry to see the aspersions she tries to cast upon the Negroes by toadying to the whites. The whole thing is malicious, and Mrs. Porter will be held responsible for her education. There is not a single woman in the city of Louisville or elsewhere who is endowed with a modicum of sense that would agree with this lady, therefore, the statement is a wrong one when Mrs. Porter says, that "it matters not to us colored women." No, indeed, you cannot find one to agree with this lady. Too many Negroe widows alive, suffering; caused from the death of their husbands by lawless white men who take pleasure in killing Negro men for alleged crimes. It may be true that it matters nothing with Mrs. Porter.—Kentucky Standard, Louisville.

Mrs. Porter is a colored woman whose husband has been recognized by the Democratic legislature at Frankfort. He was appointed to one of the insane asylums as a physician. But it matters not who she is, she is in for a good sound scoring by the press of the country. Mrs. Porter is not at all justified in her last remarks. She knows very well if she is at all posted that the latest acts against the race did not proceed from motives— based upon the well-known charges against colored men. She knows that he most trivial offenses in the last six months have been considered sufficient for death in some localities. It is as the Standard says that the purest act of toadying noted for a long time. Nothing is gained by truckling such a vicious sentiment. She knows that the whole head and front of the Negroes offending is his tendency to leap over race lines. It is held that he weaker nation cannot exist amid a stronger one and maintain its race characteristics. Such is philosophy. The white race attempts to act as an attractive magnet and a repellant at the same time. It cannot do both, and it is only a matter of time until the natural attractive gravitational force will out bid the dynamical repelling force. This is the thing so fought aginst. It is what makes murder easy and consciences easy that commit them. All tendency is towards the white race and their practices, unceasingly, invariably. It may be fought like death. Flank movements, feints, and strategems are of no avail. Mrs. Porter must recognize this and apply the principle as the actuating motives in these persecutions

GEORGE L. KNOX.

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Hon. Geo. L. Knox owner of the Freeman, is a candidate for Congress from the State of Indiana. We don't know the voting strength of said State but every Negro should cast vote for Mr. Knox, as he is a man of ability.—Metropolis Gazette, (Ills.)

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If George L. Knox, of Indianapolis, Ind., stands as an independent candidate for congress this fall, however righteous may be his cause he will be surprised at the few votes cast for him by those from whom he expects the greatest support.—Cleveland Gazette.

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Hon. Geo. L. Knox, Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Sir:—Through the columns of the "Appeal," edited by Hon. C. H. J. Taylor, of Atlanta, Ga., and many other race journals, I'm informed of your pronounced and announced candidacy for Congress in your respective district.

I am proud to congratulate you on your determination and to add to the numberless testimonials of the race, my recognition of your ability and eminent fitness for the position and honor you seek.

Unlike the environments that surround the Negro in this State, you have the free and untrammelled exercise of your rights and privileges and the admirable manhood to resent an insult when offered, and to strike back when struck.

With the Afro-Americans of your district at your back you will be a tower of strength. Your course is right and stamped with the race's approval. May you be the victor.

Very respectfully,
Henry Demas.

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To the Freeman:

In your columns of the issue of the 16th inst., appears the statement, through letter of Mr. Peregreno, editor of the Buffalo Spectator, that you, Mr. Editor, are a candidate for U. S. Congress.

If hard labor and devoted interests to the welfare of the highest benefits of the Afro-American, with an unswerving activity in regard to the rights of the colored man, and undaunted condemnation of the wrongs perpetrated against him, are just reasons for recognition, such as you seek you ought to be chosen, and I wish you every success.

We need men of courage to represent us in the council of the nation. Indiana has such, and you are not least among them. It matters not that we fail in our endeavors. Let us in the language of Senator Sumner agitate! agitate!! agitate!!! The north must be up and doing and no longer lend countenance to the belief that "we are politically safe any how." Our rights as citizens is all we ask at the hands of those having power to show us recognition. We are neither jealous nor envious of our brethren in the south; but we ask to be remembered for our fidelity to party principles, and it be remembered that "one swallow does not make a summer."

Not only in Congress, but elsewhere, our northern colored voter, should receive a share of the recognition given for faithful service. But the fault is not with the administration, it is with ourselves in having no recognized leader to demand our rights. There is no other race struggling for rights without having a recognized leader to demand the same.

We need men in Congress to knock at the door of the White House for us. Douglass, Elliott and Cain, Bruce and Lynch, Murray and Langston, are now unavailable by death, or otherwise.

I believe if you were in Congress, you would not be dead timber. Let all agree that our great need is opportunity, then let Indiana open the way.

Yours truly,
D. Augustus Straker.

Breifs.

Wartrace, Tenn., Special:—The Rev. L. B. Watson is conducting a series of meetings at his church. The Baptists are giving their support to his efforts. * * The Rev. Mr. McClelland is here visiting his mother and friends. * * Mrs. Ida Bell Flack has an excellent Sunday-school at the Baptist church. * * Prof. M. E. Gray spent a day or so in Wartrace last week. He seems interested in Mr. Ed Ervin's family and also that of Mr. John Webster, Sr. * * Miss Sarah Webster made a flying trip to Winchester last week. * * Miss Mary Oborne will visit Shelbyville next week. * * Mrs. Tiny Allen spent the day in Wartrace, Saturday last. * * Miss Mary Flack is said to be taking a back set. * * The Queen Ester Court No. 182, was out last Sunday in its royal purple. Their annual services were conducted at the Baptist church at 3 P. M. Seated upon the rostrum were the following divines: Rev. J. B. Marshbanks, Rev. Gilbert Hoffman and Rev. L. B. Watson. A very instructive paper was read by Mrs. Ida B. Flack, subject: "The Resurrection Day." Then was sung: "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" prayer was offered by Rev. G. Hoffman. The Rev J. B. Marshbanks preached the annual sermon, text, Esther 8-6—"For how can I Endure to see the Evil that shall Come Unto my People?" His effort is said to have been eloquent, able and to the point. After the sermon Rev. L. B. Watson addressed the Throne of Grace. * * The members of the Baptist church are preparing for the Ministerial and Deaconate meeting which is to convene here in May.

Newsy Items.

Anderson, Ind., Special:—The Golgotha club will give a play, entitled, "The Flower Girl," at Alexandria, April 26. * * Mrs. Geo. Hampton is improving in health. * * Madams Blanche Hill, Sallie Brown, Dora Banks, Bell Allen and Mr. and Mrs. West atended the fair at Alexandria, Wednesday. * * Rev. D. S. Slauter, of Danville, Ky., will preach at the Second Baptist church the fourth Sunday in April. * * Mrs. Coward spent Sunday in the Capital City. * * Miss Lula Lewis, of Cincinati, is visiting Rev. Lewis. * * The choir of the Second M. E. church is one of the best trained and sweetest singing choirs in the Stae. The children's choir singing for the morning service is novel and beautiful. * * The Epworth League under Mrs. Louise Watkins and Mr. Wm. Keys, is one of the attractive features of the church service. * * Sunday was a banner day for the Second M. E. church, both morning and afternoons, there were large attendances. * * Rev. Edw. R. Lewis, the pastor, is fast bringing his church up to the standard of the best question. His subject Sunday evening: "Ye are a Peculiar People" was directed to the Negro race and was eloquent and forcible. Rev. Lewis is an intensely race man. * * The Second M. E. church is beautifully finished in oil designs from the bible.

Gleanings.

Columbus, O., Special:—Frank Earley the Cincinnati murderer confined in the annex awaiting electrocution May 4th, was joined by Lewis Wilkerson, formerly of Columbus, but sent up from Marion, Ohio, where he shot and killed James Wood and injured Lizzie Johnson, the date of his electrocution is set for Aug. 3. * * Mrs. Lucinda Lucas, of Washington, C. H., is visiting her son W. H. Stewart, of 249 Lafayette St. * * Floyd McGuire was buried Saturday. * * Lewis McDonald, a Franklin county prisoner at the penitentiary is seriously ill. * * Hon. Garner has moved to his new home. * * William Patterson has returned to his old home. * * Al Rogers, George Austin, Al Bowen, were in Lancaster recently. * * Wilbur King received $250.00 for his argument before the Supreme court in the Urbanna case.

Personal Mention.

Hope, Ark., Special:—Rev. Z. R. Reezes, of the Lonoke Baptist church preached a sermon to the Home Train-in Society Sunday at eleven o'clock. * * W. M. Harris, a prominent barber, of Hope, is doing good business in that line. He is also agent for a Chicago clothing firm, and desires the patronage of his many friends in both lines of his business.. * Rev. Jointer and Rev. Bunting were in Washington Monday. * * Mrs. Ella J. Yerges, Misses Pearl Wilson and Sarah Haynes were in Washington Monday attending court. * * Miss Haynes is one of the Hope students, but she is now attending the Branch normal in Pine Bluff.

Notes.

Chicago, Ill., West Side, Special:—The leading ministers of the different churches will preach at St. Stephen A. M. E. church, beginning Sunday evening May 1. * * District conference will be held May 10th. * * The Willing Workers' Society meet Thursday at St. Stephen's church. ** The Western Light lodge No. 30, A. F. and A. W. gave its first entertainment on the 20th. * * Rev. Works preached an eloquent sermon at Providence Baptist church, Sunday

"Mighty Interesting Reading."

The Freeman, of Indianapolis, has a long and very interesting article on the "Negro Conference" recently held at Tuskegee Normal and Iudstrial Institute, Tuskegee, Ala. The article is profusely illustrated with cuts of buildings, teachers, student classes, livestock, shops, gardens, farms, etc., and makes "mighty interesting reading." The Freeman must be commended for so able and interesting a presentation of thi sinstitution and its work. Such an article is sure to do good and it reflects great credit upon Negro journalism.—The Florida Evangelist.

EXCITEMENT RUNS HIGH.

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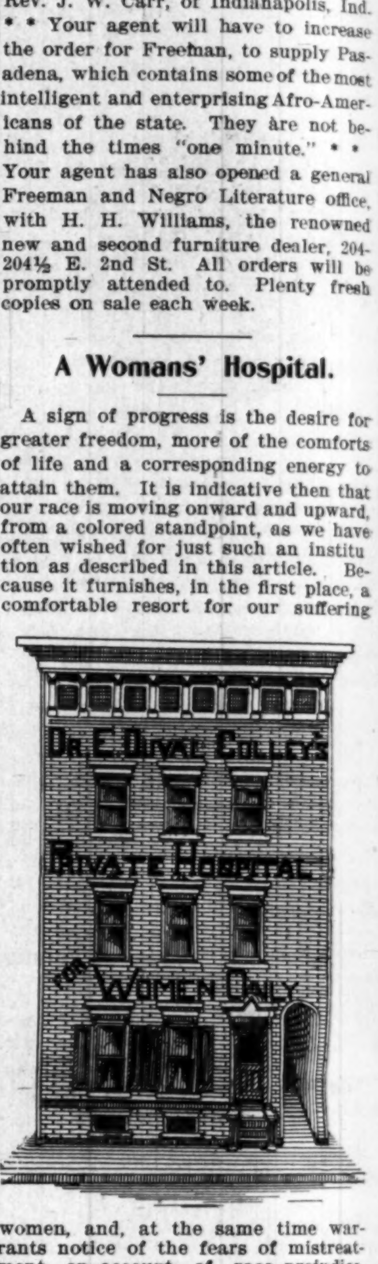
of the A. M. E. church. Pasadena, assisted by Rev. S. W. Hawkins and choir and Rev. E. T. Cottman and choir, both of Los Angeles. There was a most interesting program, including fine chorus singing by the choir, which was intensely enjoyed by all. * * Los Angeles enjoys the benefits of mixed schools. There are now fourteen students in the high school acquitting themselves creditably. * * Much interest is being manifested in the preparations anent the approaching Afro-American Congress which is to meet in the near future. * * The Second Baptist church is progressing finely under Rev. C. H. Anderson. Extensive repairing is being made, and when completed will be made a beautiful edifice of worship. The congregation will meet up-stairs instead of the basement as heretofore. They will hold revival soon, and will be assisted by Rev. J. W. Carr, of Indianapolis, Ind. * * Your agent will have to increase the order for Freeman, to supply Pasadena, which contains some of the most intelligent and enterprising Afro-Americans of the state. They are not behind the times "one minute." * * Your agent has also opened a general Freeman and Negro Literature office, with H. H. Williams, the renowned new and second furniture dealer, 204-204½ E. 2nd St. All orders will be promptly attended to. Plenty fresh copies on sale each week.

A Womans' Hospital.

A sign of progress is the desire for greater freedom, more of the comforts of life and a corresponding energy to attain them. It is indicative then that our race is moving onward and upward, from a colored standpoint, as we have often wished for just such an institution as described in this article. Because it furnishes, in the first place, a comfortable resort for our suffering



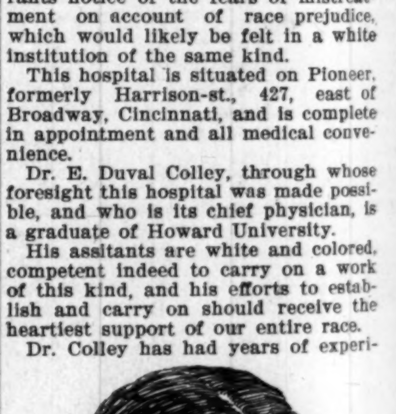
women, and, at the same time warrants notice of the fears of mistreatment on account of race prejudice, which would likely be felt in a white institution of the same kind.

This hospital is situated on Pioneer, formerly Harrison-st., 427, east of Broadway, Cincinnati, and is complete in appointment and all medical convenience.

Dr. E. Duval Colley, through whose foresight this hospital was made possible, and who is its chief physician, is a graduate of Howard University.

His assitants are white and colored, competent indeed to carry on a work of this kind, and his efforts to establish and carry on should receive the heartiest support of our entire race.

Dr. Colley has had years of experi-



ence in one of the leading hospitals in the East, making a first-class record, second to no other physician's, white or colored in this country or abroad; hence we are justified in predicting a most beautiful success for his needed enterprise among our race. Already he has performed some daring operations with success, as well as raised many whom had been given over. He is making preparations for a ward for men which will soon be completed.

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BILLY MILLER.

The above portrait is that of the youngest eccentric comedian on the road today. Mr. Miller, has by his peculiar presentation of his many original songs and sayings won for himself the title of "the World's greatest Colored Comic Delineator. Mr. Miller is now filling his third season's engagement with the "Darkest America" company.

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Big Sensation—Washington, D. C.

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"Darkest America"—today, Joliet, Ill.

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Billy McClain is in New York city on business.

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Black Patti Troubadours are in Chicago, this week.

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Jones & Sutton were at the Palace Theatre, Boston, last week.

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Mme. Cordelia McClain is resting up at her home at Indianapolis.

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John Rucker is still making big hits nightly, with "Darkest America."

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Richard & Pringle's Georgia Minstrels are at Vancouver, B. C. today.

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The Ray Wilson and Walter Ellis combination are doing big business through Long Island.

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Jones, Grant and Jones were heartily received at Proctor's Theatre, New York City, last week.

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Billy and Mme. Cordelia McClain closed with "Darkest America" in Aurora, Ill., on the 11th.

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Miss Alberta Monett, of Milwaukee, Wis., joined John W. Vogel's "Darkest America" at Kenosha, Wis.

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The Puggsley Bros' Tennessee Warblers are still touring Pennsylvania. They are at Washington, Pa., today.

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Washburn's Double Minstrels are playing to excellent business at the Park Theatre, Indianapolis, this week.

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Herbert La She is making it big with Mason's Georgia Minstrels. At St. Mary's and Lima, Ohio, he received curtain calls.

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Will A. Cook, an old Indianapolis boy, is meeting with great success with Graham's Southern Specialty Company. They are at Fall River, Mass., today.

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Geo. L. Archer was cancelled at the Columbia Theatre, Newark, N. J., for the week of April 18, on account of delay of printing.

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Luke Pulley and B. M.Butler will direct the National Ethiopian Amusement Co., which includes forty people, headed by Mattie Wilkes and Levina Jones.

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Mme. Selika and her husband Signor Veloska, have returned to the United States, after having spent four very successful months of concerting in Jamaica.

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Dick Weston, author, comedian and pianist, has joined hands with Harry and Nellie Eaton. They will be known hereafter as the Mozart Trio—Eaton, Weston and Eaton.

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Harry P. Brown, tenor soloist, with John W. Vogel's "Darkest America" will be seen at the National Park, Dayton, O., opening there July 10, for a two weeks' engagement.

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That Afro-American duo, Harry and Miss Bessie Gillam, the acrobatic comedian and the charming soubrette are busy rehearsing their new act for next season, which will be a great novelty, Miss Bessie being the only colored lady doing the ballet dance. She has accomplished the art of dancing five minutes on her toes, which is a novelty in itself, not saying anything about the head spin done by Harry Gillam, and he alone. The act will run eighteen to twenty minutes without a word being spoken. They have spared neither pains nor money in securing the finest of wardrobe. "Keep your eye on the trap."

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Harry A. Brown, lightning sketch artist will close a very successful engagement over the Hutchinson circuit in two weeks, and will then visit his parents in Indianapolis.

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Wm. Menith, tenor soloist, late of the Al G. Field, Colored Minstrels, is a new addition to John W. Vogel's "Darkest America," and is making a hit nightly singing "On the Banks of the Wabash."

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Lawson's Black Four Hundred Co., are playing to good business, enroute to California through Texas. As a cake walker and female impersonator, Mr. Lawson is a big hit.

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The Alhambra Quartette, with Jno. W. Vogel's "Darkest America" composed of the following members: Brooks, Merritt, Brown and Lewis are one of the strong features of the organization.

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George's Operatic Minstrels in conjunction with the famous Georgia Graduates continue playing to excellent business through Colorado. They are at Creede, Col., to-day, and will appear at Salida, Colo., on the 25th.

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The Colored Sports will play the Columbia Theatre, Newark, N. J., April 25, under the management of Harry Eaton and Geo. A. Hammond. They are booked to appear at Jersey City, May 2-7; Patterson, 9-14.

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The P. T. Power Cake Walk Company, headed by A. L. Tutt and wife and Miss Mattie Wilkes, have returned to New York, after a successful trip to Montreal, Canada, and Albany, New York. A. E. Holman won the 200 lb. costly cake. Mr. Tutt only gave exhibition of fancy cake walking.

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George Bailey, trombone soloist, and Frank Kirk, the acrobatic tramp, of "Darkest America" have joined hands and will do a musical act, that promises to be away from all others next season. Mr. Kirk is now at his home in Jacksonville, Ill., working on his own instruments. Mr. Bailey is still with "Darkest America" until June 1, after that their rehearsals will begin. They already have several offers with the leading summer parks.

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Editor The Freeman:—Dear Sir, I must say, and I am joined by all the professionals and non-professionals, that The Freeman is the "Colored Clipper" and it should be read by all the progressive performers in the business. While at Montreal in Mr. W. H.Renfroe's Recreation Key Club, I was successful in getting sixteen subscribers for your valuable paper, for Montreal.

A. L. Tutt,
The World's Champion Cake Walker.
Montreal, Canada, April 10, 1898.

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Cole & Johnson's "A Trip to Coontown" Co., which made an emphatic hit in New York City, recently, has been engaged by H. R. Jacobs for a short Summer tour through Canada. The company has had a successful season and has given satisfaction to refined audiences. The season will close about the middle of June. The company will again visit New York City in September next. Samuel Corker, Jr., the present manager, will again manage the company next season.

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Mr. Clifford Brooks, our special representative with John W. Vogel's "Darkest America" sends the following: "Billy and Mme. Cordelia McClain have closed. Billy Miller is now playing the part of "El Yucatan" in the opera. Miss Sallie Lee is taking the part of prima donna soprano. The company is still making big hits everywhere as usual. Messrs. Smith, Chenault, Garay, Johnson, Hampton and Oscar Lindsay made a flying trip to Chicago on Easter Sunday, and spent the day sight-seeing. Frank Kirk has closed on account of ill health. Mr. Henderson Smith, our band leader has been on the sick list for a week, but is now convalescent. "Paddy" and Billy go out every day for a stroll—Sabie. Miss Mary Lee, of Chicago, paid a week's visit to her sister Miss Sallie Lee, recently. Miss Laura Woods, a late member of our company, but now of Milwaukee, Wis., paid a short visit to her sister, Miss Lillie Woods. Miss Ella Dawson, of Chicago, was also a visitor to some friends. Our base ball team had a hot game Monday with the Aurora High School team; score 6 to3 in favor of our team.

J. HARRY JACKSON.

A Budget of Newsy Jottings.

Hartford, Conn., Special:—The "Colored Home" movement under the control of the "Ladies' Auxiliary, of Sumner Club No. 1," deserves not only the co-operated interest, but the united contributions of the colored people of Hartford, and throughout the State of Connecticut. The Freeman, through its representative, has learned the true intent and purposes of the movement, and is convinced that there is no other work more worthy to be achieved for the good of the people, both in Connecticut and throughout the land. * * * Mrs. Murphy Jackson, the President and founder has had many romantic experiences in working the club up to its present stage of significance and effective usefulness. Starting out with twelve ladies amid most unfavorable environments, having no special object in view but, as an auxiliary to answer the summons of club No. 1, whenever the gentlemen felt the need of the ladies' aid. This state of inaction went on for well nigh three years until the feeling of discontent stirred the minds of the ladies into a feeling of activity. The membership was increased, different enterprises were undertaken with success, and the club was put in good working order with a boni-fide membership of seventy financial members, with several hundred dollars in the treasury. The continued success of the ladies, under the wise council of their president, has moved them to survey wider fieldsfor the good of the race. They have planned to establish a "Colored Home" in Hartford, to be a State institution, extending open doors and cordial hands to members of the race throughout the land. The three days' fair for the benefit of the "Home" closed last week with unexpected success, and the ladies are more hopeful than ever, with renewed vigor to go on with their good work. The completion of the "colored home" will be the dawn of a new star lighting up the path of civilization through which our people have been planning for years. It will be a guiding proof dispelling the false idea that the colored people of Hartford, and Connecticut are not capable of building up laudible enterprises and embarking into different fields of industry as other people. The "colored home" is an imperative need to our people. It will give shelter to our traveling public when barred by prejudice and circumstance; it will train young hands to earn their living and give employment to many who are idle for the want of something to do; in short it will prove a monument of honor, a starting point from which the colored people of Hartford will gain respect and added concessions heretofore denied them. Let every colored man and woman give some money towards paying for the ground, if not more than fifty cents each, and this would raise one thousand dollars with which to break ground at once for a building. This much done by the colored people, they could then easily raise more from outside friends of the race. Let the club put good agents in the field and canvass the entire State, and arouse a general interest, and an institution will soon be built reflecting credit upon the entire race.

Mr. Gardner, after several days' illness has gone to work again. * * Harry Waterman won the gold medal at the cake-walk last week in Waterbury, Conn. * * Mrs. J. S. Roberson is improving at this writing. * * The Knickerbocker Musical club won the laurels and made a hit last week at Waterbury, Conn. Musical director, Joseph R. Ross received many compliments for his proficiency. * * Mr. Geo. Duckery, of the Allyn House has recovered from the accident caused by rapid riding on his new wheel last week. * * Jas. Crawford on Pearl street has become a reader of the Freeman. * * R. L. Robb, the popular wood dealer, was confined to his room last Saturday, suffering from a hemorrhage of the nose. * * Miss Eliza Smith, of Middletown, Conn., visited Hartford last week during the fair. * *

Miss Bell Mason's niece, Mrs. Etta Dixon and two children, of Middletown, Conn., were in the city last week during the fair. * * Mr. and Mrs. Chas. O'Neil are arranging to settle in Farmington, Maine. * * Miss Mattie V. Hyland is preparing for a visit to New York City. * * Mrs. Lottie Lane, who pleasantly entertained Mrs. Dr. Anderson and others last week, has arranged for an operation on her mother, Mrs. Murry who has grown more feeble and weakened in mind, to somewhat an alarming degree. * * Mr. John Henry, the expert wheel rider since 1892 is a successful "bike" teacher, with his favorable "Tribune" the most stupid can learn to ride in two weeks under his instructions. * * The Wheel club transacted some important business last meeting, and endorsed the Freeman as their representative paper.

THE COLORED CITIZEN AND WAR.

Editor the Journal: Recently there appears the disposition among some colored people, assuming to be leaders, to disencourage the colored citizen to fight for the honor of his country, and the priceless principle of liberty and freedom for the suffering Cubans on the ground that we as a class of American citizens have suffered and are still suffering from a denial of our civil rights within our own government.

This is an error and injurious to ourselves. We are American citizens, from the top of our heads to the soles of our feet, and this we proclaim and demand our rights as such. America is our country, the same as it is the country of the German, French, Italian and the Pole. We cannot in one breath claim American citizenship and in the other repudiate its obligations.

I recognize how inconsistent that this government of ours is incapable to protect the Negro from burning and lynching within our own borders, and yet claim the right to enter foreign territory and demand that like wrongs shall cease. I see how natural that the Afro-American should feel that he at least, should not be expected to assist in righting wrongs, which by others, he likewise suffers. But we are of one family

Our troubles are our own, to settle ourselves. Our country is greater than our personal sufferings. The cause is one belonging to humanity, and neither color nor race nor creed should stand in the way of relief. Moreover wrongs are often alleviated by making the wrongdoer feel his obligation for your kindness or unexpected assistance. The war, if war it shall be, may do more to cement a brotherly feeling between the blacks and whites of this country, than all the legislation enacted or the force used. Already it has snapped the cord of ill-feeling between the south and north, and when shoulder to shoulder, the southener and the northener of the white race shall behold the bravery of the Afro-American upon the battle field, he must feel that skins may differ but patriotism dwells in black and white the same. A war in which we shall be called upon to take part may end our race troubles. Men are not wholly wanting in conscience of their duty to their fellow man.

Cuba must be free. The highest law among nations is found in humane actions. It is the equity side of national disputes. Let there be no fear of the colored citizens' stand when called upon. He will do the right to protect the national flag or report to God the reason why not.

America must, if needs be, teach the world that "equality of rights is the first of rights," and she will assist all who are endeavoring to establish this principle, and no just nation can afford to interfere or prevent her.

Spain to-day is the Spain of Phillip II. and Elizabeth, of old, the duke of Alva reappearing in the bloodthirsty Weyler, and Cuba finds in Gomez and the lamented Maceo her William the Silent, who after years of struggle for independence of the Netherlands gained the victory. Let us have peace if we can, war if we must. Let no talk about putting the Negro to the front irritate or cause a feeling of dissatisfaction The Negro will forge his way to the front anyhow, as he is doing to-day in spite of all prejudice. Yours.

D. AUGUSTUS STRAKER.
Detroit, Mich.

Gleanings.

Huntington, W. Va., Special:—D. W. Perdue left for Elliston, Va., where his brother lies critically ill. * * Geo. Fox was up from Cattlesburg last week. * * Albert Goble Sundayed in Kentucky. * * A revival is in progress at the Baptist church. * * Mrs. C. W. Reynolds and mother, of Ironton, O., are visiting the former's sister, Mrs. Judd Peters in East Huntington this week. * * Gabriel Poindexter, of Charleston is in the city. * * * Tom Stokes and Lee Waide, two of Ashland's crack base-ball players have returned to this city for the season. * * The base ball season was formally opened in Huntington, Saturday, when the Florentine and Adelphia Hotel boys crossed bats, which was a hot contest for supremacy, the former won, score 16 to 10. By surrendering his pugilistic laurels, Johnnie McKeever's knockdown by an easy fly ball was one of the many features of the game. Following close behind comes Dude Johnson, who made a home run shortly after the game and reached the house just in time for supper but not until Elsie Brooks, the heavy hitting Florentineite swung for the horsehide. Did the bleacherites shout? Well its up with the angels now. The line up was as follows:

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Price	P	Seals
Kendall	S S	Brooks
Finley	1 B	Carter
Whirl	2 B	Brown
Jackson	3 B	Johnson
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White	C F	Booke r

The Freeman inCalif ornia.

H. C. Allen has taken the general agency for The Freeman, and will have on every issue plenty of copies for sale. The Freeman is offering special inducements for this season.—New Searchlight, Los Angeles, Cal.

Mr. H. Allen has accepted the agency of The Freeman. The Freeman is offering special inducements in the way of premiums for this season. Mr. Allen wil keep a full supply of extra copies each week.—The Eagle, Los Angeles.

Editor The Freeman:—Accept my thanks and the thanks of every department of central Tennessee College and its many friends for the splendid issue of the Central Tennessee College. It was the best show up our school has ever had. Every cut showed up most satisfactorily. I should always be ready, willing and most anxious to help the Freeman. It is a true race newspaper loyal to the core and patriotic in all of its utterances. It should be in every home to inspire and strengthen the hopes of our people. God bless you and increase the circulation of your valuable paper. Most sincerely

R. F. Boyd, Nashville, Tenn.

Editor The Freeman:—Realizing the importance of such "papers" as The Freeman to our race and appreciating its every effort in the past, for race advancement and race elevation, it affords me more than ordinary pleasure to subscribe for another year. Wishing you and your valuable journal continued success, I am as ever

Yours truly,
George A. Myers,
Cleveland, O.

The following letter was received this week from Bob Cole, of the "A Trip to Coontown" company:

"Friend Knox:—Having seen a copy of your paper lately issued I must say as I read it I really felt proud that so newsy and interesting journal was being edited by one of my own color. To show my appreciation and spirit to aid such a worthy enterprise you may place me on your list of subscribers for one year, commencing from date, on receipt of this letter."

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CHAPTER XLII.

At half past three May Brandes met Brown at the Grand Central depot. She was dressed in the fashion of the day, not "loud" or gay but becomingly modestly and lady-like.

"The story is too long to tell here, Forrester," she said come with me (if you don't mind) to No. W. 54th St., I have rented a room there with a lady—a widow— who I told I was going to bring home with me a former fellow employee—a colored man—and wanted the use of the parlor—doors open and subject to vacation any moment she or the other boarders needed it, so do come."

Brown called a cab, and they were driven, in silence to West Fifty-fourth street. They entered the parlor when May Brandus commenced: "Forrester, it is a long romantic story; its a history—in five or six years since you left New York, I have had a sad, sad, yes, very sad history, by far more romantic than any play, novel or story. You will hardly believe it, still every word is true."

"I'll believe it, because it comes from your lips," he replied.

"I thank you for your confidence. To begin: About a year or so after you left New York, Draper sold out, sold everything; stock, good will and his slaves (for so we were). No one knew a word about the matter until our new masters walked in. He did not even whisper it to me or in my hearing. I was surprised and old Draper, seeing as much, told me he had fixed my place for me with the new firm. I was again surprised when Clifford walked in as manager of the store. When introduced to me he greeted me with the cold smile of revenge you see upon the face of the stag villian when things are coming his way. 'I've met Miss Brandus before,' he said, as he lifted his hat and extended his hand, 'How have you been? I hope our business relations with the new firm will be as agreeable as were those with the old,' he said with a sneer. I saw the meaning in his eyes; his intentions were to injure or disgrace me, perhaps, take some money and lay it at my door with the aid of confederates and, perhaps, send me to Sing Sing. I knew he hated me because he indirectly knew I was the cause of his discharge from Draper's. I knew that he long ago concluded I replaced the money he took from your pocket. I also knew that his hate was double because he thought there existed between us a friendship stronger than everyday business friendship; that you esteemed me and I returned the same; and, like all white men, no matter who they love or where passion leads them, they do not want to see their mothers, sisters or wives follow in their footsteps, although I see no reason why if my brother dishonorably associated with a colored woman, I cannot in honor marry a colored man if I love him." May Brandus looked up into the eyes of Brown to see how he took it. It was an artful move of womanhood to rekindle the love of yore she knew he once had for her. The old coals started to rekindle, when Brown recalled his inspired response to the toast, "Woman." and remarked: "He could not think that if he was even an A. B. C. student of human nature for a that time we had never spoken."

Woman is a born stategistic general, but—even the best of generals sometime make mistakes. She made one and saw it and remarked: "Perhaps Clifford was a mind-reader and saw how much I admired your manly ways before we had spoken. (You know a woman secretly loves a manly man.) Any way, seeing you cannot take a joke, I'll return to my story. Clifford hated me I saw that. You were the indirect cause of his hate. I knew that he contemplated to disgrace me for the sake of revenge in one of two ways, either by making me appear dishonest to my new employers or dishonorable to my sex. I could not at once find employment, so I concluded to use the arts of woman upon him and make him love me and marry me. In other words. I concluded to do what many other foolish women have done before me, "marry him to get rid of him.' I smiled upon him, called for his aid in business, spent evenings in his company, until we were friends and until———"

"He loved you," broke in Forrester.

"No; until I married him. Love me! Why he was a man without a soul and such a being is not susceptible to the emotions of love. Soon after I married him, my aunt was suddenly taken sick and died. Her husband's sister came from Ohio and took the children back with her, leaving me alone without any friends or relation. Soon after Clifford got drunk and lost his position. As I was not in a condition to go to work for him, he left me for a woman who could, but who did so in a dishonorable way. Soon after he left, to my cares was added that of a daughter. When she was a few months old I took what little money I had and paid for her keeping for a few years in the B—— asylum (where she now is and where her board is almost due). I then started out in the world to once more earn my bread. Clifford followed me from place to place and indirectly, under fear of disgrace, forced me to give him the greater part of my earnings, which he spent in drink or with women of the street. I ——"

"You were—beg pardon— a fool to give it to him."

"I was obliged to give it to him. Every place I went to work I went as a single woman and he knowing this, would threaten to tell my employer that he was my lawful husband (which he was), so fear made me give him the greater part of my earnings, until one night I saw him enter a hotel with a woman of the street and register her as his wife. I then got witnesses and soon after got a divorce from him and am to-day as free from him, in sight of both God and man, as if I had never saw him or knew he was in the world."

She looked up at Brown. She read in his eyes the question: "Why were you in the condition you were when I met you? And she answered the same in the continuation of her story: "I worked on and on for little May's sake until I was taken sick with pneumonia and was obliged to go to St. Mary's hospital. I had just come out of the hospital, homeless, penniless, and heartbroken, when I sat down upon a doorstep and the Irish policeman arrested me."

CHAPTER XLIII.

Brown went at once to the box-office of the Fifth-ave Theater and bought two select seats. He drove up to May's boarding house at half-past seven, ten minutes later they entered the cab, and were driven to the theater. She never looked better in her life. She was dressed in a suit of deep blue (which she had spent her last dollar to hire.) We will say for the education of the out of New York City reader that it is a common thing for a man or woman to rent or hire a ball-room or theater suit.

May did all in her power—woman's art—to prove to Forrester that she had outgrown the decrees of white American social society. She was refined and lady-like in so doing, but was not slow to let everybody know that she was the companion of the fine looking brown-skinned Negro. Brown noticed this and Cupid scored another point. After the play, they drove to the fashionable restaurant of O'Neal's on 6th. avenue, where they had an oyster supper. All eyes were upon them, still May played her part well, and the little god of love scored his third point, —it was his last. At least in the case of May Brandus and Charles Forrester Brown.

It was past the midnight hour when they reached her boarding-house, and she in a refined lady-like way, remarked: "Forrester, as the hour is late, I will bid you good night, or at least good morning. If you will be kind enough to favor me with a visit to-morrow noon, or at least to-day noon, (as it is now past twelve o'clock) I will continue and finish my story. Good night."

"Good night, said Brown, as he extended his hand which she grasped in hers and advanced towards him with a loving smile. He drew her towards him or she drew him towards her or they both advanced, any way, be it as it was, she was soon in his arms and—he kissed her good night.

As he left, he remarked to himself, "May, with all your faults—if you have any—and with all the wrongs you have done to my love for you, I love you still and will make you my wife and take you West with me. It was to be, it was so ordained that we. some day would be man and wife. Sweet girl., I forgive you, I pity you; I know that your silent refusal of my heart was due to that article you read in the 'Sensation.' Can I blame you, when I recall the social decree of our land? When I remember the unwritten law, "Thou shalt not marry a Negro?"

He at last reached his hotel where, before he entered he remarked to himself directly, and to Cupid indirectly: "Yes, I forgive her and will take her back in my heart as of yore."

"The fairest action of our human life
Is scorning to revenge an injury;
For who forgives without further strife,
His adversary's heart to him doth tie;
And, 'tis finer conquest, trucly said,
To win the heart than overthrow the head."

[To be continued.]

WHERE WOMEN RULE.

What a Social Student Found In an Eastern Province.

While studying social conditions in oriental lands Dr. Alice B. Stockham was advised by Tolstoi to visit the Naiars on the Malabar coast of India, and witness a type of civilization unknown elsewhere among the inhabitants of earth. Here, according to a writer, the husband is a mere incident in the social organization. Woman's power is autocratic and absolute. She wins or divorces a husband at will. She frames and administers the laws by which he lives, and through her is the descent of the property, which he may earn, but not own. The ricefield is his active arena, and if industrious and frugal—proving himself capable of maintaining a family—some Naiar maid invites him to become her husband. The successful man of eligible years is wooed and won as is the fortunate and accomplished maiden of our country.

The impropriety of manifesting affection for a woman before it is solicited is thoroughly instilled into the mind of the Naiar man, and, while the strife between natural tendencies and national custom may sometimes approach the nature of an irrepressible conflict, to yield is ruin and humiliation irreparable. The eligible bachelor must await an avowal of love and choice and suffer in silence if it be long withheld. The Naiars are of Brahman origin and much above the average inhabitants of India in intelligence and in the administration of their native government. Better native schools are found here than elsewhere in India, and a surprising degree of domestic contentment.—Springfield Republican.

CAKE WALK IS FRENCH.

When It Originated, It Also Stood For a Marriage Ceremony.

The cake walk properly had its origin among the French negroes of Louisiana more than a century ago. There is little doubt that it is an offshoot of some of the old French country dances. It resembles several of them in form. From New Orleans it spread over the entire south and thence north. It was found of convenience to the plantation negroes. They were not wedded by license, and it was seldom that the services of a preacher were called in.

At a cake walk a man might legitimately show his preference for a woman and thus publicly claim her for a wife. In effect the cake walk was not different from the old Scotch marriage, which required only public acknowledgment from the contracting parties. So this festival became in some sense a wooing, an acceptance or rejection and a ceremony. This explains its popularity with the blacks, outside of its beauties, with the accompaniment of music, which is competent at all times to command negro support.

Cake walking has improved, as do most things that are constantly practiced. It has lost its old significance in the south. Negroes now get married, when they marry at all, in the white folks' fashion. It has, however, become a pantomime dance. Properly performed, it is a beautiful one. The cake is not much of a prize, though the negro has a sweet tooth.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Forest Protection In Idaho.

The miners as well as the mine owners operating in northern Idaho are peculiarly interested in rational and effective methods of forest protection to what remains of the public timber lands, and as producers of national wealth have a right to demand it. They have the result of years of wanton forest destruction before their eyes and can see themselves confronted with a timber shortage before many years that threatens their commercial and industrial life. That such a condition is fast approaching needs no prophetic vision to foresee.

The extent of burned forest land the past 16 years as developed in these regions is an evidence that requires no supporting argument to make effective. That many thousands of acres of forest still exist in the Cœur d'Alene basins does not weaken the fact of an impending timber shortage. Under the present conditions two or three dry seasons would suffice to wipe out the larger portion by far of what remains of the forests in this past of the state. There is not yet adequate protection or supervision, and public sentiment upon these points is not yet sufficiently aroused.—Forester.

Self Made Men of Other Days.

The self made man is by no means solely the product of modern times. Columbus was a weaver, Franklin was a journeyman printer, Pope Sixtus V was employed in his young days in keeping swine, Robert Burns was a plowman, Æsop was a slave, Homer was a beggar, Daniel De Foe was apprenticed to a hosier, Demosthenes was the son of a cutler, while Virgil was a baker's son. Ben Jonson was a bricklayer, Cervantes was a common soldier, Canova's father was a stonecutter, Captain Cook commenced life as a cabin boy, Haydn, the musician, was the son of a poor wheelwright, Pizarro, instead of going to school, was sent to keep hogs. Kirke White's father was a butcher, and Keats' father kept a livery stable.—New York Sun.

Warm Water Baptism.

We would impress upon the clergy the necessity of having the water warmed. Baptism, it is true, is seldom or never administered by immersion, but even when affusion is used the contact of cold water with a child's head might injuriously affect one with an already sufficiently low power of resistance.—Lancet.

When the sultan of Turkey attends the Friday midday prayer at the mosque, in Constantinople, the garrison of 30,000 men is stationed along the route in such a way that he shall be safely guarded from the moment he leaves his palace until he is on his carpet in the sacred edifice.

What They Say:

Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 19, 1898.

Dear Sirs: Enclosed find $1 to continue my subscription. Your paper has been in my family for some time, and it seems that we cannot live without it. Yours. JAMES MASON.

Ellesmere School, Harrogate, Eng.

Geo. L. Knox, Esq., care "The Freeman," Indianapolis, Ind., U. S. A.:

Dear Sir—Illness kept me from sending in the money I owe The Freeman before this date. I lost the bill which you sent me. I am told that a dollar is now worth four shillings and a penny, English money: I send you herein twelve shillings, which will pay off my back debt of last year, and at least six months of this year. Please be so kind as to let me know how we stand. I will try to be up to date in my future payments to The Freeman. I will be sending you an article ere long. It pleases me to see the great progress The Freeman is making. I am very sorry not to have succeeded in getting English subscribers, but I shall not give up hope of finding some yet; my personal friends are very glad to read my copies, and some look forward to their arrival with as much eagerness as I do.

With very best regards, I remain yours very truly, Thomas Rutling.

Alexandria, La., Jan. 4, 1898.

Editor Freeman—I find it impossible for me to keep posted about the negro's progress and the vital issues that touch his public life and his weal and woe in general. except I receive and read The Freeman.

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THE SELFISH WOMAN.

A TRICK THAT ENRAGED HER SLEEPING CAR COMPANIONS.

She Emerged the Pink of Perfection, While the Other Women Barely Managed to Get Their Hats on Straight Before Leaving.

A sleeping car which arrived in New York numbered eight women among its passengers, and one of them displayed wisdom which made the other seven her enemies. She was a prim looking, middle aged woman, and she had attracted attention the previous night by the businesslike way in which she ordered her supper. It was evident that she had traveled on a sleeping car before and from their nervousness it was quite clear that the other women were novices in night traveling and that they were anticipating great discomforts. It was not until the morning, however, that the wise woman proved her wisdom as well as her selfishness.

Two hours before the train was due in New York she left her berth and disappeared in the end of the car. This sleeping car, like others of its class, had four wash bowls for men with large mirrors over them and only one wash bowl for women, in a room so small that two women could not stand in it at the same time. Half an hour after the wise woman arose the other women in the car began to stir around and four of them went at the same time to complete their toilets. The wise woman still occupied the room and they sat down to wait. Half an hour passed and still the wise woman didn't appear. The men in the car had become interested in the comedy, which promised to develop into a tragedy. They had already completed their toilets without interfering with one another.

"This is an imposition," said a big woman whose hair was disorderly, "and I am going to investigate."

She disappeared, and the other passengers heard her voice, first mild and then loud and angry, but the responses of the wise woman could not be heard.

"What do you suppose that creature is doing," said the big woman, when she returned. "Why, I never heard anything like it. Here we are within an hour of New York and not one of us has had an opportunity to wash her face and that woman inside has a little alcohol lamp going and she is deliberately curling her hair. She should have some sense of decency. I'm sure she is old enough."

This information cast the other women into the depths of despair, and as the train sped on one of them, the youngest woman in the car, began to cry. Her woe was greater than that of the others because a certain young man had promised to meet her at the station, and she would not have him see her as she then looked for the whole railroad. The men in the car evidently thought that she was good to look at just as she was, but none of them knew her, and this information could not be conveyed to her. A delegation of two women was sent to compromise with the wise one who was curling her hair, and they returned in disgust.

"She says that she is going to complete her toilet before she comes out," said one of them. "She is curling her hair all over. I asked her if she wouldn't please just curl it in front and then put her hat on. The rest wouldn't show, you know. She said she would attend to the curling without any assistance from me. This is simply dreadful. I'll never ride in a sleeping car again. It is an imposition to have only a little bit of a cubby hole reserved for women, while the men have all the room they need. I'm going to sue the road."

An indignant discussion followed, and just as the train was pulling into New York the wise woman made her appearance. Conscious that not a single flaw could be found in her toilet, she ignored the angry glances of the other women. It was too late for them to make elaborate toilets, and the men withdrew from the smoking room, so that they might at least use the mirrors to set their hats on straight. They trailed after the wise woman as she left the car, and if angry glances could have stabbed her she would have become a coroner's case right on the platform.

"This isn't the first time that I have seen such an exhibition," said a commercial traveler who had been in the car, "and really I don't blame the wise woman at all. She simply showed her experience. The fault is in the construction of the car, and it is a shortsighted policy to make them so inconvenient for women. It takes a woman longer to dress than a man, and I believe that if the car builders would sacrifice the space occupied by a section or two and put in wash bowls for women more women would be willing to ride in sleeping cars. As it is, the average woman would rather stay at home than make a trip that involved a night ride."—New York Sun.

Made Sure It Was Used.

An old farmer and his wife, noted for their niggardliness, had a custom of allowing the servant only one match to light the fire with each morning.

One morning the match failed to kindle, so the servant went to their bedroom door and asked for another one.

A whispered consultation was held between the two; then audibly the wife said:

"Will you risk her wi' anither ane, John?"

"I doot we'll hae tae risk her, Janet," replied John, "but be sure an seek a sicht o' the ane she got last nicht."—London Answers.

Sympathetic.

"Do you suppose Mrs. Manywed really loves her lawyer admirer?"

"In a way, yes. You see, he secured all her divorces for her, and he's a sort of a connecting link with the past."—Philadelphia North American.

HEROIC LIFE SAVERS.

An Entire Crew, With One Exception, Lost In an Attempted Rescue.

In the series of "Heroes of Peace" there is an article in The Century on "Heroes of the Life Saving Service," by Gustav Kobbe. Mr. Kobbe says:

District Superintendent Jerome G. Kiah, with headquarters at Sand Beach, Mich., is one of the heroes of the life saving service. He holds the gold medal, the highest award the United States government can bestow for heroism in saving life. His name is associated with what was both one of the most daring attempts at rescue and one of the greatest tragedies of the service—a tragedy which wiped out an entire crew with the exception of this sole survivor.

Mr. Kiah was at the time keeper of the Point aux Barques life saving station on Lake Huron. A vessel struck too far out to be reached with the shot and line. The peril of attempting a rescue with the surfboat was only too apparent, but Keeper Kiah mustered his men and made the launch. For awhile their strength and skill enabled them to surmount or push through the tumultuous seas, but, once in the open lake beyond the shoals, where the storm was free to riot at will, the real danger began. It was a test beyond human powers. The keeper remembers that twice the boat capsized and was righted. After that he has a vague recollection of the boat capsizing and righting herself several times, and of the crew clinging to it until, one by one, the surfmen, perishing of cold, let go their hold and vanished beneath the waves. He has a dim remembrance of the boat, with himself clinging to it, grating over the shoal, and then being flung up on shore.

He was found by two men, standing, with one hand on the root of a fallen tree, steadying himself with a lath in the other and swaying as if walking, but not stirring his feet—a dazed, tottering wreck of his former self, murmuring in an incoherent way:

"Poor boys! Poor boys! They are all gone—all gone!" Temporarily shattered in mind and body, he was obliged to resign from the service. He was long in recovering, but finally it was possible practically to reward his bravery with the appointment to his present position.

THE AMERICAN STATURE.

The Loss of an Inch In Height Might Bring Serious Consequences.

In a paper read by Major Henry S. Kilbourne, surgeon United States army, before the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, he advocated the theory that the physical power of a race or people—and consequently their capacity for work—is measured by their average stature. For every inch of height between five and six feet the extreme breathing capacity is increased eight cubic inches, the vital capacity being at its maximum at 35 years. A table of measurements of 190,621 native white Americans, accepted for the military service of the United States, shows that the number of men below 63 inches in height is but little greater than that of the class above 73 inches. The most numerous class is included between 67 and 69 inches, and this standard class would have a greater chest girth than the average. The mean height of 125 United States naval cadets above the age of 23 years was 67.80 inches. As these men are drawn from all parts and classes of the United States they represent very nearly the typical physical development of the American people of 25 years of age.

Major Kilbourne concludes that the commingling strains of Celtic, Danish, Norwegian and German blood among our people have thus far worked no deterioration of physical quality. "Not so with the swarthy, low browed and stunted people now swarming to our shores. Absorbed into the body of the people, these multitudes must irretrievably evolve an inferiority of type. To realize the result of such a contingency let it be considered that the loss of an inch in stature might bring in its train the loss of national ascendency. Let us take care, then, that the state shall suffer no injury."—Boston Transcript.

The Popular Side Comb.

The side comb still rides the top wave of popular favor notwithstanding its general adoption and consequent degeneracy into the cheapest of materials. The prevailing broad method of wearing the hair makes milady of fashion as dependent upon its good offices as her less favored sister of the shops, the only distinction between them being the difference in material. The latest combs are small, of amber or shell and decorated with finely cut steel. Sometimes the steel is but a narrow band of beads, while again it broadens out into arabesques, points or curves, or even clover leaves or flower-de-luces. Many of the combs are also set with gems, real or imitation, while others for evening wear are studded with colored stones to harmonize with the costume worn.

Making a Distinction.

Miss Cayenne had caused her partner a great deal of annoyance by forgetting what her long suit was and remaining oblivious to trump signals. He mopped the perspiration from his brow and ventured the observation, "I was under the impression that you said you were accustomed to playing whist." "Yes," she answered sweetly, "I play it. I don't work at it as some people do."—Washington Star.

A great deal of trouble is expended in educating the showy, high stepping horse. He is trained to step high and act showily by being driven along a path whereon rails are set crosswise. He steps high to avoid stumbling, and in time always steps high.

Bergen, Norway, boasts a paper church large enough to seat 1,000 persons. The building is rendered waterproof by a solution of quicklime, curdled milk and white of eggs.

ORIGIN OF THE BICYCLE.

It May Be Traced as Far Back as the Seventeenth Century.

In St. Nicholas Frank H. Vizetelly has told "The Story of the Wheel," tracing the evolution of the bicycle. Mr. Vizetelly says:

It has been often said that "to trace the origin of the bicycle we must go back to the beginning of the century," and as this has not been denied it is probably true. I shall try to show that the bicycle grew from experiments in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, and that the celerifere, first invented in 1690, was the earliest form of the "safety" of today. The first attempts to ride wheels date back as far as the fifteenth century. True, the machines then made were crude, clumsy and imperfect, yet they deserve mention, for they were a distinct step in the history of the wheel. The first of these was a heavy carriage driven by means of ropes attached to and wound round its axle tree. To the other end of the ropes a pole was tied, and this pole was used as a lever in front of the vehicle, and by this means it was slowly drawn forward.

Little was done in the century following, yet in the "Memoirs of Henry Fetherstone" it is told that a Jesuit missionary named Ricius, who was traveling down the Ganges, having missed a boat that plied at regular intervals between points he was to visit in his journey, made up for lost time by building a small carriage propelled by levers. Because so few details are told, the truth of the author's account has been doubted or discredited by many.

In one of England's older churches—St. Giles' at Stoke Pogis—is a window of stained glass on which may be seen a cherub astride of a hobby horse, or wooden "wheel." At the sides, in separate panels, as if to fix the date of the design, stand two young men attired in Puritan dress, one playing the violin, the other, with hands in his pockets, smoking a pipe. Is it from this design that the first thought of the hobby horse of other days was taken?

Before the Royal Academy of Sciences, in 1693, Ozanam read a paper describing a vehicle driven by the pedaling of a footman, who stood in a box behind and rested his hands on a bar level with his chin attached to the back of an awning above the rider in the conveyance. This may prove that Fetherstone's account was not untrue. Ozanam's vehicle was followed by another, built on a somewhat similar plan, by an Englishman named Ovenden about 1761, for a description of the machine then appeared in The Universal Magazine. The vehicle was said to be "the best that has hitherto been invented." The distance covered "with ease" by this rude vehicle is stated to have been six miles an hour; with a "peculiar exertion," nine or ten miles. The steering was done with a pair of reins.

IN THE FOCUS.

Is This the Reason Our Actors Like the Center of the Stage?

Perhaps the fondness of certain actors today for the center of the stage is a survival from the time when no other position was adequately lighted. In the early days of this century, before the introduction of gas, the footlights consisted of half a dozen or more oil lamps, and the point where their rays converged was very properly known as the "focus." Here all important passages of the piece had to be delivered, since elsewhere the accompanying play of feature was not assuredly visible. It is told that when one of Kean's admirers complimented him at supper after a performance of "Othello," saying that in the great scene with Iago he almost thought the tragedian would strangle the villain, Kean answered: "Confound the fellow. He was trying to get me out of the focus." Under the electric light the face of the actor can now be seen clearly in the most remote corner of the stage.—"The Conventions of the Drama," by Brander Matthews, in Scribner's.

The Silk Cotton Tree.

The most remarkable tree on the island of New Providence is without question a specimen of the silk cotton (Bombax ceiba) situated near the postoffice and prison. Growing from its trunk are half a dozen buttresslike extensions, as if to make a firm footing for its great spread of branches of 116 feet. A little boy to whom I showed a photograph of it expressed its appearance very well when he said the spaces between the buttresses would make fine horse stalls. The pods which grow on the tree contain a soft, silky material which the natives sometimes use for stuffing pillows. There are more of these trees, but none so large or old as this one, and we heard no estimate of its age. It is a near relative of the monkey tamarind. Between this bombax and the library is an avenue of Spanish laurel, a member of the fig family—untidy and inelegant trees, with a growth of roots hanging from their branches which never reach the ground. All these trees bear fruit, but the figs are small and unfit for eating.—E. G. Cummings in Popular Science Monthly.

It Killed Him.

"I should fancy the laundry business was about as easy as any to start."

"What makes you think so?"

"All you have to do is to lay in a supply of starch."

"Yes."

"Well, that'll starch you all right."

Three days after there was a burial.—London Tit-Bits.

Woman's Woe.

It was terrible. The tempest beat the sea into a horrid fury, the waves were mountain high and they swept over the frail craft ceaselessly.

"My flesh creeps!" he cried.

"My complexion runs!" shrieked she.

For it is the lot of women to suffer most.—Detroit Journal.

The Freeman Praised.

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D. A. Straker, Detroit, Mich.

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Editor The Freeman:—Realizing the importance of such "papers" as The Freeman to our race and appreciating its every effort in the past, for race advancement and race elevation, it affords me more than ordinary pleasure to subscribe for another year. Wishing you and your valuable journal continued success, I am as ever

Yours truly,

George A. Myers,
Cleveland, O.

The following letter was received this week from Bob Cole, of the "A Trip to Coontown" company:

"Friend Knox:—Having seen a copy of your paper lately issued I must say as I read it I really felt proud that so newsy and interesting journal was being edited by one of my own color. To show my appreciation and spirit to aid such a worthy enterprise you may place me on your list of subscribers for one year, commencing from date, on receipt of this letter."

Yours resp'y, Bob Cole.
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Editor The Freeman:—Accept my thanks and the thanks of every department of central Tennessee College and its many friends for the splendid issue of the Central Tennessee College. It was the best show up our school has ever had. Every cut showed up most satisfactorily. I should always be ready, willing and most anxious to help the Freeman. It is a true race newspaper loyal to the core and patriotic in all of its utterances. It should be in every home to inspire and strengthen the hopes of our people. God bless you and increase the circulation of your valuable paper. Most sincerely

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IN AND ABOUT THE CITY.

Prof. Scarborough, A. M. visited the Freeman sanctum this week.

Margarett Tate, the baby elocutionist, Allen Chapel, April 27th.

Mrs. Alice Brown, of the Herculean Cafe, is visiting relatives in Chicago.

Rev. D. A. Graham lectured this week in Vincennes, Princeton and Washington, Ind.

Mr. John H. Winslow, of Muncie, celebrated his birthday in this city last Sunday, at 420 Indiana Ave.

Mrs. Stella Wright, nee Fisher, of Terre Haute, returned to her home today, after a very pleasant visit with relatives.

The Fourth Annual Musical Festival will be given June 22nd and 23rd, at Allen Chapel church. 100 voices. Singers from abroad.

Miss Margaret Tate, the baby elocutionist of the world, will appear in this city for the first time at Allen Chapel Wednesday, April 27, 1898. Admission, 15 cents.

T. W. Fleming, the well-known merchant tailor, 316 Indiana avenue, respectfully invites you to examine his choice and varied selection of spring styles. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Patrolman Nelson Clark died last Sunday, of stomach trouble and gangrene, at his home, 1124 S. State Ave. The funeral obsequies were held last Monday from his residence, and was in charge of his brother patrolmen. The entrance to Police headquarters is in mourning in his honor.

Our readers are especially invited to visit the New Shoe Store at (new) 217 Indiana avenue, where they can find a full line of the latest styles and colors of ladies', gents', misses' and children's shoes at rock bottom prices. Mr. S. E. Hedrick, the proprietor, is a genial gentleman, and he guarantees "honest goods at lowest prices." He earnestly solicits your patronage. See his advertisement on the local page.

"Stories from Life," a grand entertainment, to be given under the auspices of the Young Peoples' Aid Alliance, of the Ninth Presbyterian church, Monday, April 25, promises to be one of the most interesting, and charming of the season, under the direction of Miss Lillian Hill, Misss Dehorney and Miss Myrtle Hart. The ladies are sparing no pains to make it a grand success. Tickets 15 cents. You are invited to come.

Mrs. Lucy Thurman, of Jackson, Mich., national superintendent of work among colored people in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, came to this city last Saturday, and is stopping at the residence of Hon. Geo. L. Knox, to remain ten days, speaking in the colored churches. Her appointments for last Sunday were: Morning, Allen A. M. E. chapel, at Broadway and Eleventh Street; 4 o'clock p. m. at the Ninth Presbyterian church, Michigan Street and Capitol Avenue; evening, at Jones's chapel, Blackford and North Streets.

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Allen Chapel Notes.

Mr. George Taylor is very sick.

Rev. Murray spent last week in Washington city.

Mrs. Lucy Thurman, the great temperance lecturer of the world lectured last Sunday morning to a large and appreciative congregation.

Tomorrow is quarterly meeting. Pastors and the congregations are cordially invited to be present. Rev. Young of Walter's Chapel will preach the Sacramental discourse. At 6 o'clock A. M. Baptizing in the canal. All candidates please be at the church on time.

Last Sunday evening the graduating exercises of the Legion of Honor Normal class was held.

Prof. Scarborough, A. M. L. L. D., of Wilberforce, Ohio, delivered an excellent address to the class, subject: "The Bible and the Student." Supt. Meigs and Mr. W. C. Hall were present and delivered very fine addresses. The diplomas were presented by Mr. W. C. Hall. The following are the names of those who graduated: Rev. F. P. Baker, William Thompson, Ella Williams, Gertrude Payne, Mamie White, Drucilla May Jackson, Fannie Hardrick, Estella Carey, Zora A. Mosley, Lettie Brewer, Lillie Warfield, Zoetta Carmikle, Cora Wade, and Delma Thomas.i

Prof. Scarborough left last Monday for his home.

Mrs. Blackwell, the sister of Mrs. Mary Blakemore returned to her home in New Albany last Monday morning after several weeks' stay in our city.

Mrs. Lucy Thurman addressed the ladies of the Missionary society last Monday afternoon, and organized the W. C. T. U. President, Mrs. Florence Smith; Vice-President, Mrs. Ella Murray; Recording Secretary, Miss Lettie Brewer; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Nellie Henderson; Treasurer, Mrs. Martha E. Brown. Superintendents:—Mother's Meeting, Mrs. Mildred Keen; Evangelistic Work, Mrs. Mary Johnson; Children's Department, Mrs. Anna Gramby; Mercy Department, Mrs. Susie Steeple; Flower Mission, Mrs. Mary Blakemore. It shall be known as the Frances E. Willard W. C. T. U., of Allen Chapel, Indianapolis. The first meeting will be held next Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the church.

Joseph B. Kealing.

Joseph B. Kealing, of Indianapolis, Republican candidate for Congress, was born and raised on a farm in Marion County. After leaving college he taught school in this county to earn money to go to law school.

He graduated at the Indianapolis Law School in 1881 and has been practicing law ever since. All his interests are in the city of Indianapolis and, if nominated and elected, promises to look after the interests of his fellow townsmen.

Mr. Kealing stands high at the bar and has been engaged in the trial of many important cases.

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He is popular with the people and, if nominated and elected, will look carefully after their interests.

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He advocates the building of a new Federal Building and promises to use his efforts to that end.

His nomination will be a popular one and insure the success of the ticket.

Interesting Notes.

New Albany, Ind., Special:—Rev. M. Lewis, P. E. of the Southern district visited our public schools Friday. * * Miss Sophia Rickman is again with us. * * The installation services of Rev. J. C. Patton, the newly called pastor, of Howard Chapel Baptist church will occur tomorrow at 3 P. M.. Revs. T. M. Faulkner, J. F. Tens, of Jeffersonville, Revs. Dr. C. L. Pince, Dr. C H. Parrish C. C. Bates, of Louisville, Ky., Rev H. D. Cox, city, will be present and address the congregation. The silver tongue choir of Bethel A. M. E. church will render some choice selections. * * Rev. L. W. Ratliffe, of Bethel A. M. E. church assisted Rev. Bray, of Corydon in his quarterly services Sunday. Rev. Strauss, of Louisville, occupied the pulpit at Bethel in the pastor's absence. * *

The J. R. Langston Circle gave a box entertainment at the Odd Fellows' Hall, Monday night. A cake-walk was the main feature of the evening. * * Mrs. Curry is still confined to her bed. * * * Miss Elmira Emery was delightfully surprised last Tuesday evening, in honor her eighteenth birthday. Refreshments were served. The young people present enjoyed themselves until a late hour. * *Messrs. Purdy and Thomas, of Louisville, were the guests of Miss Mira Carter. * * The Mulligan Guard and Nurse Maid's Drill enterainment was repeated at Bethel church Monday night. * * Walter R. Killer, one of our most enterprising young men, and organist and steward of Bethel A. M. E. church, has entered the employment of John Shrader, Jr., a retail furniture and undertaker. Mr. Keller will be found in the undertaking department. We congratulate and wish him success. He is the first colored gentleman to enter such service in this city. * * John Dudley, age 29, and James Gohaggans, age 25 departed this life last Sunday. They were buried this week. Undertaker Keller officiating. * * Monday night, April 11, Bethel congregation celebrated Easter with an egg passover. A large audience was present. * * Miss Daisy Jackson, a niece of Mrs. Rev. Manuel, from Franklin, Ind., is visiting in the city.

Interesting Items.

Muncie, Ind., Special:—Quarterly meeting was held at A. M. E. church, Sunday last and was well attended. Collection for the day $20. Next Sunday will be "rally day" at A. M. E. church. * * The Eagle Band boys are negotiating for new band suits and hope to have them by the first Sunday in May so that they may present a neat appearance while acting escort to the G. U. of O. F. Lodge, which will have their annual sermon preached on that day. * * Dr. J. F. Whittaker, of Louisville, Ky., has located and expects to practice medicine in our city. He comes to us a graduate from the Louisville Medical college. * * Rev. F. P. Green and wife are entertaining Mrs. Kate Palmer, of Kokomo, Ind. * * The members of Second Baptist church gave an entertainment for the benefit of their pastor, Rev. Green, April 12, which was a decided success, both financially and socially. * * Mr. Baker, of Middletown was the guest of Mr. Charles Conway and wife over Sunday. * *

The Terpsichorean club gave a reception in honor of Mrs. Poindexter, at Mrs. Sims' of E. Washington St.

Notes.

Petersburg, Ill., Special:—Services were held at the Second Baptist church Sunday morning by Daniel Tate, of the Roger Williams University, Nashville, Tennessee. He was on his way to take charge of the Baptist church in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.* * * Mr. Budd Wilson and wife and two children, of Green county, Ky., will make our city their future home.* * Mr. and Mrs. John Brent are the happy parents of a fine baby boy. * * The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gains is very ill.

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Mt. Vernon, Ill., Special:—Miss Mattie Bond went to Centralia on business this week. Mrs. Minnie Stoner of Grand Ave. * * Mrs. Wm. Caliway, who has been at Centralia a few weeks returned to Mt. Vernon. * * The Concert and Tom Thumb wedding was quite a success. It was ably assisted by the choir and proceeds were $27.00. * * Mr. and Mrs. Edminstors, of Newbie Ave., celebrated their wooden wedding Tuesday evening. Their beautiful home was all aglow and about a score of their friends were present and enjoyed the evening immensely. The usual wedding feast was spread and the tables groaned with luxuries. Mr. and Mrs. Edminston received quite a number of valuable presents.

The Zenith Attained.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 19, 1898.

Mr. Knox: Inclosed I hand you money order for subscription to The Freeman and a copy of Sept. 11, '97, which number will make my eighth volume, all beautifully bound. Please hurry along this paper of the 11th, so I can hand it to my binder. Refering to the Christmas number of The Freeman, I am proud to say that superb zenith was veritably attained in this number, both in typography and in the elegance of contributions. In its general make-up the question was undoubtedly settled by all fair-minded thinkers that The Freeman as a true race journal leads, and all others follow. Yours,

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